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RAILWAY STRIKE COMPLETELY FIZZLES OUT

"Communist Challenge Met Squarely & Well"

CITY NORMAL: ARMED GUARDS CONTINUE TO ESCORT TRAINS

"Workers' Disciplined Front Augurs Well For Country's Political Future"

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Communist-sponsored railway strike had completely fizzled out in Bombay, according to reports available both from the official and non-official sources till late tonight.

23 PERSONS ARRESTED

The city police took into custody in about 23 persons alleged to be communist workers and the token strike to be staged throughout the city supporting railway workers in response to thecall of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress failed to materialise.

VIGIL CONTINUES

Meanwhile, armed police pickets and mobile units are keeping a steady vigil throughout the net-work of railway systems of both B.B. and C.I. and G.I.P. and the entire railway route in greater Bombay is closely guarded by the police in co-operation with units of Home Guards and detachments of Military.

Railway Workshops at Parel, Matunga, Mahalaxmi and other centres were working normally with no sign of communist-sponsored strike affecting the workers attending their shifts.

"We continue to take all precautionary measures necessary for maintaining normal service of trains and we see that as far as possible no inconvenience was caused to travelling public by this threatened strike", said a high railway official commenting on the situation in the city.

NO INTERRUPTION IN SUBURBAN SERVICE

The suburban trains on both B.B. and C.I. and G.I.P. railways are running to their scheduled time and railway officials expected no interruption on the suburban systems.

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, Vice-President of the All-India Railwaymen Federation, said that all railway workshops in Bombay were working normally today and railway workers had showed remarkable sense of discipline and unity by responding to the call of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation and refusing to down their tools as Communists would have liked them to do.

ARMED GUARDS

Armed guards accompanied the trains both on the main lines and the suburban services of the two railways.

No incidents were reported till late hours tonight at the Police Headquarters in the city.

BOMBAY CABINET REVIEWS SITUATION

The A. P. I. adds:

The Bombay Cabinet met today to review the overall situation and were understood to have expressed satisfaction at the results achieved by the precautionary measures and the co-operation of the public.

"The Communist-sponsored strike was apparently a miserable failure", said a statement issued by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. "Almost all of the six lakhs workers in the city were at work as usual in spite of eleventh hour efforts on the part of the Communists to the contrary".

CITY NORMAL

Congress workers and members of the Indian National Trade Union Congress who went round the City's mill areas and railway workshops found the city normal, the statement said.

Mr. Peter Alvares Assistant Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, giving his impressions said that the worker performed his duties

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Posts & Telegraphs Work Normally

NEW DELHI, March 9 (A.P.I.): The workers of the Post and Telegraph Department all over the country went to work today as usual and no untoward incident occurred in any part of India, according to the P. and T. Ministry.

The Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, it is learnt, has received assurances of loyalty from two workers' organisations, namely, the All-India Telephone and Telegraph Engineering Union, New Delhi, and the Central Advisory Board, Calcutta.

R. T. C. On Indonesia Postponed

THE HAGUE, 9. (P.T.I.-Reuter): A round-table conference on Indonesia, called by the Dutch for next Saturday has been postponed for a few weeks because the Republicans have not accepted the invitation, it was learnt today.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia has asked the Security Council for a ruling on whether the Commission should agree to attend.

An official spokesman here said the Dutch Cabinet had revised its original rejection of the Security demand that the Republican Indonesian Government be reinstated in its Dutch-occupied captal of Jogjakarta.

But it was believed the Dutch would insist on Republican leaders deciding to take part in the round-table conference before allowing them to go back to Jogjakarta.

MAJOR-GENERAL LOGANATHAN DEAD

MADRAS, March 9 (A.P.I.): Major General Loganathan of the Indian National Army died today in the General Hospital where he was undergoing treatment for ulcer. He was aged 60.

Major General Loganathan joined the Indian Army in 1917 during the first World War. He went to Singapore in the second world war and was taken prisoner by the Japanese. Later, he joined the Indian National Army under the leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and was appointed Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands by the Azad Hind Government. In 1944 when the allies captured Rangoon, Major General Loganathan surrendered to them and was brought to India and kept a prisoner in the Red Fort. He was released in April 1946 and since then he was devoting his time to the welfare of I.N.A. men.

SENSATIONAL CITY ARRESTS

Dwarkadas Morarka & Three Others Charged With "Falsification Of Records"

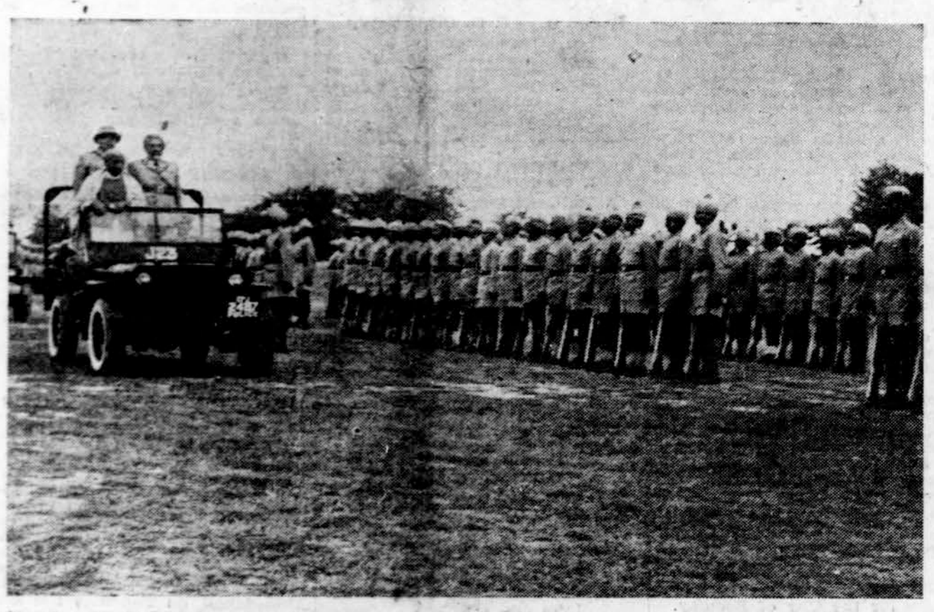
BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dwarkadas Shreenivas Morarka, father of Gokulchand Morarka, Basantilal Ramkumar, Shiprasad Balkrishna Padhya, Dwarkadas Nensi all stated to be connected with the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Co. Ltd., of which Morarka and Co., are the agents, were arrested by the Anti-Corruption Department of the City Police this afternoon and produced before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, at Esplanade Court in the evening.

All the accused are alleged to have committed falsification of the records of the Sholapoor Spinning and Weaving Co. Ltd., after the High Denomination Bank Notes Ordinance of 1946 was enforced by the Government of India.

The Magistrate released them on bail.

SARDAR INSPECTS POLICE PARADE



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel inspects a Police Parade at Phillaur Fort, during his recent visit.

India's Role In Fighting Communism In Far East

DOMINION MAY FIGURE AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 9.

Talks at the forthcoming Commonwealth Conference which is likely to meet in London will centre round India. Experts believe Russia's interest is being definitely switched from Europe to the Far East. It is therefore, necessary to defend Democracy against Communism in that area.

It was agreed at the last Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference that the best way of beating Communism was by improving economic standards. Since then the situation in China and Burma has undergone a revolutionary change. It is believed here that Mr. Thakin Nu's control is confined to Rangoon area.

Many feel that an active military defence should be built up against Communist advance in the Far East. The strength of the defence will largely depend on the role which India is willing to play. Her proclamation as a sovereign republic need not ban her participation in the general defence but some difficulty is created by India's unwillingness to align herself with any Power Bloc. These questions are likely to be discussed formally or informally at the Conference.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH

LONDON, March 9. (PTI-Reuter): Political quarters here today forecast a Dominions conference—probably at Prime Ministerial level—next month to discuss urgent Commonwealth problems including defence and the Communist upsurge in South-East Asia.

London was indicated as the most probable place for the conference which the team of four British Ministers and officials flying to the four corners of the Commonwealth today, will try to expedite.

Karens Retake Anisakan

RANGOON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): Karen insurgents have reoccupied Anisakan, seven miles to the south of Maymyo hill station near Mandalay, a usually reliable source reported here today.

The report said the four Royal Air Force 'Dakotas' which evacuated 15 women and 24 children, the families of British personnel from Maymyo yesterday took off for Rangoon after the Karens had taken contol of the airstrip.

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IMPORT OF SALT FROM PAKISTAN

With a view to relieve the congestion at the port of Bombay, it has become necessary to stop import of salt into that port from Pakistan by sea. The Government of India have accordingly decided to exclude salt from the scope of open general licence No X which allows free imports of all goods except raw cotton from Pakistan to India.

Khewra salt from Pakistan by land will, however, continue to be imported under cover of the said open general licence.

A notification to this effect is being issued in the Gazette of India Extraordinary of March 9, 1949. As regards import of salt from Pakistan by sea into any port other than Bombay, the Government of India have decided that licences should be issued liberally and instructions are being issued to licensing authorities accordingly.

The late Mr. Sol Bloom who was Chairman of the U. S. House Foreign Affairs Committee and an original signer of the U. N. Charter. A member of Congress from New York since 1923, Bloom died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Monday night at the age of 78. He will be succeeded in the important Foreign Affairs post by Representative John Kee of West Virginia.

DUTCH AIRLINES TO RESUME SERVICE

THE HAGUE, March 9. (PTI-Reuter):— The Royal Dutch Airline Service to Batavia, suspended in December when India, Ceylon and Pakistan banned Dutch flights over their territory as a result of the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia, will be resumed on Friday by the new route via Mauritius.

The new service, originally planned to begin on February 28, was delayed by the fuel situation in Mauritius.

GODSE'S PLEA TO ARGUE CASE

E. Punjab High Court Postpones Decision

SIMLA, March 9. (A.P.I.): Mr. Justice Harnam Singh, Vacation Judge of the East Punjab High Court, passing orders today on the proposal contained in the appeal of Nathuram Godse, assassin of Mahatma Gandhi, asked him to move the Provincial Government regarding his request for better class treatment.

The Judge postponed decision on Godse's request for permission to argue his appeal personally till receipt of instruction by the Crown Counsel from the Government of Delhi province.

In the matter of facilities for interviews, the Judge observed that no action could be taken by the East Punjab Court as the matter rested with the jail authorities.

QUESTION OF INTERVIEWS

The Judge in his orders observed: Nathuram Godse in his memorandum of appeal says that as he intends to argue his case personally he should be given sufficient facilities to prepare arguments and for that purpose he be allowed to have interviews with his legal advisers and also be treated as a better class prisoner".

The matter of interviews rests with the jail authorities. It is for them to give facilities to convicts for interviews with their legal advisers. That being so, no action can be taken by this court.

PARIS OFFER TO NEW DELHI

Possessions In India To Be Handed Over In Return For "Economic Compensation"

LONDON, March 9 (UPI): According to a Paris report, France is likely to hand over her possessions in India in return for economic compensation from the Government of India.

It is believed that tentative discussions in this respect have already taken place.

France, it is stated, is anxious to retain India's moral and political support in the South-East Asia's defence strategy. Observers here believe that the possibility of solution early with France led Pandit Nehru to proclaim once more that the foreign possessions in India must be completely integrated with India.

It is understood that India has made no progress yet in the talks with Portugal for integration of Goa, Daman and Diu with India.

BILL TO PREVENT BLACK-MARKETING

MADRAS, March 9 (A.P.I.): A Bill to prevent black-marketing was ready and would be placed before the House shortly, said Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Food Minister, in the Madras Council (Upper House) this evening.

POSITION OF PRESS UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION

They Must Build Up Democratic Secular State, Says Diwakar

A. I. N. E. C. EXECUTIVE'S TRIBUTES TO BRELVI'S MEMORY

BOMBAY, March 9, (API): The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference met in the Taj Mahal Hotel, in the Princes' Room, at 11 a.m. Mr. Devdas Gandhi, President, was in the Chair.

The following members attended:—Mr. Joachim Alva (Forum, Bombay); Mr. M. Harris (Ajmal Bombay) Mr. H. M. Joshi (Lokaskti, Poona); Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan (Hindu, Madras); Mr. I. S. Jehu, (the Times of India, Bombay); Mr. S. G. Gokhale (Dnyan Prakash, Poona); Mr. A. D. Mani (Hitavada, Nagpur); Mr. H. R. Moharay (Samyukta Karnataka, Hubli); Mr. S. Sadanand (Free Press Journal, Bombay); and Mr. K. Srinivasan, Secretary (Indian Parliament, Bombay).

TRIBUTES TO BRELVI'S MEMORY

Feeling tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. S. A. Brelvi, whose untimely death had proved an irreparable loss to journalism. The following resolution was moved from the Chair and passed, all the members standing:—

"The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference places on record its deep sense of grief and of the severe loss to the country, journalism in general and this Editors' Conference in particular incurred by the death of Syed Abdullah Brelvi, Editor of "The Bombay Chronicle' and former President of the A.I.N.E.C. The Conference itself and all that it has been able to do in the betterment of newspaper work and the lot of newspapermen, in the fostering of sound relations with Governments and in the defence of the freedom of the Press, are monuments to his endeavour, tact and genius for compromise without abandonment of principle and his devotion to the profession as a whole.

"The President of the Conference will convey the deep sentiments of the Committee to Mrs. Brelvi and the proprietors and staff of 'the Bombay Chronicle'.

Moving the resolution, the President referred to the number of empty seats at the meeting and said that the one seat that was really empty and could never again be filled was the Chair which might have been occupied by the late Mr. Brelvi.

LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF CONFERENCE

Mr. Brelvi had been a leading figure in the newspaper world and in the Standing Committee and, quoting Pandit Jawaharlal's words in another connection, the President said that, with Mr. Brelvi's passing away, the light had gone out of the conference.

Mr. Jehu referred to the fact that Mr. Brelvi's death had affected Bombay Journalists more intimately and directly than those elsewhere. Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan suggested that a suitable memorial to Mr. Brelvi. Mr. Moharay, Mr. Harris, Mr. Alva, Mr. H. M. Joshi and Mr. K. Srinivasan, (Secretary) fully associated themselves with the tributes paid to the late Mr. Brelvi.

The Committee also passed condolence resolutions on the deaths of Mr. G. A. Natesan, Mr. Horniman and Dr. Syued Hossain.

WELCOME TO DIWAKAR

Shortly before 12 o'clock, the minister for information and broad-

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Search For Permanent Truce Line In Kashmir

INDIAN & PAKISTAN REPRESENTATIVES MEET UNCIP'S SUB-COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, March 9, (API): A press note issued by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan today said:

"Civil and military representatives on India and Pakistan met with UNCIP's Truce Sub-Committee and its Military Adviser, Lt.-Gen. Maurice Delvoie, this morning to begin work on the preparation of a draft truce agreement as envisaged in Part of the resolution of August 13, 1948.

FIRST JOINT MEETING

At this morning's meeting, the first joint meeting of both Governments with members of the Commission since the Commission returned to the sub-continent on Feb. 4 the representatives began discussion on the definition of a permanent truce line to replace the existing cease-fire line in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

TALK WITH G. S. BAJPAI

"This afternoon the Commission met Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General, Ministry of External Affairs, and discussed with him various points concerning implementation of the truce agreement.

"The Commission will meet again at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 10."

It is expected that the Truce Sub-Committee will meet again with representatives of the two Governments on Friday morning.

MOVE TO CHECK MASS MIGRATION FROM AZAD KASHMIR

JAMMU, March 9, (API): Hundreds of Muslims from all parts of "Azad Kashmir" have arrived at Kotli, Poonch and Tithwal, on the border dividing "Azad Kashmir" and territory under the Kashmir Government, to cross into the latter area, according to reports reaching here today. The Indian Army authorities have tightened up the defence of the border and are keeping a strict watch to prevent any mass migration from the opposite side of the border, the reports added.

FIRE IN BILLIMORA STATION YARD

SURAT, March 9, (UPI):— A huge fire took place at the Billimora railway station yard which destroyed fodder worth Rs. 15,000.

FINAL DRAFT OF ATLANTIC PACT

LONDON, March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The final draft of the Atlantic Pact has been received, it was stated at the British Foreign Office today.

The text was being examined in the foreign office this morning and will probably be laid before the Cabinet tomorrow.

According to present plans, British approval of the text which is now considered certain should reach Washington by the end of this week.

If satisfactory replies are received, from all the original seven Governments, it is hoped to make public the text of the agreement early next week.

TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TO ATLANTIC PACT

Russian Request For Clarification

NEW YORK, March 9. (U.P.A.): It was currently reported that Russia had shifted her sights in the East-west Cold War to the Eastern Mediterranean.

Reports from Istanbul said the Soviet Government had asked the Turkish Government to outline its attitude towards the projected North Atlantic Pact and a possible companion Mediterranean Pact.

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Wanted a Female Assistant Surgeon II for the Municipal Female Dispensary in the grade of Rs. 100-8-140-10-170|10-230 (Medical Graduates to be started at Rs. 150/- p.m.) plus usual Dearness Allowance. The appointment in beginning will be on six months' probation and then confirmed when work is found satisfactory. Apply stating age, qualifications, and previous experience by 15th March, 1949 to the Chairman, Municipal Committee, Beawar.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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WANTED a PRINCIPAL and Vice-Principal for the Engineering College to be started in Jodhpur from July next. The College will prepare students for Rajputana University Degree and Diploma courses in all the three branches—Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The grade of the Principal's post is 1200-50-1500 and that of Vice-Principal is 800-50-1000 with free furnished Bungalows.

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The applications should reach the undersigned not later than 20-3-49.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
Jodhpur.
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(3644)

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SEPARATE APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BEFORE 18-4-49 from subjects of Indian Union and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for the posts of (i) SENIOR ORGANIC CHEMIST, Haffkine Institute, Bombay, and (ii) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY, HAFFKINE INSTITUTE, BOMBAY. PAY:—FOR POST (i) Rs. 300-650 PLUS cost of living allowance as admissible. Scale is subject to revision. FOR POST (ii) Rs. 300-1100 PLUS special pay Rs. 100|- PLUS Rs. 100|- in lieu of private practice PLUS Bombay compensatory local allowance and cost of living allowance as admissible and free quarters. Higher starting pay admissible for both the posts. AGE:—Not more than 35 years on 1-7-49. Relaxable in suitable cases. No age limit for Bombay Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS: FOR POST (i): (a) M.Sc. or higher degree in Organic Chemistry of recognised university, (b) post-graduate training for at least 3 years in synthesis and analysis of organic compounds of medicinal value and (c) research work in synthesis of organic compounds of medicinal value for at least 3 years after obtaining post-graduate degree, and evidence of original work of merit. FOR POST (ii): (a) Medical degree registered under Medical Registration Acts in force in India and post-graduate degree in Physiology or Pharmacology of recognised university; (b) special training in methods of experimental Physiology or Pharmacology for at least 3 years and (c) research experience in Physiology or Pharmacology for at least 3 years after obtaining post-graduate degree, and evidence of original work of merit. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1|- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission", who will also supply full details on request.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

Hydraulic Engineer's Department—Tenders.

BY ORDER of the Municipal Commissioner, the Hydraulic Engineer invites tenders for the supply of Hydrostats for the Central Chlorination Plant at Powai.

Forms obtainable from the Hydraulic Engineer's Office, Improvement Trust Building, Napier Road, Fort, Bombay at Rs. 3 per copy not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 13-4-49 at 1 p.m. (B.T.).

THE TENDERERS ARE REQUESTED TO QUOTE THEIR RATES EXCLUSIVE OF SALES TAX WHICH WOULD BE PAID WHERE ADMISSIBLE.

(3657)

THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1888,

As Modified up to date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 297 (1) (b) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, as modified up to date, that the undersigned proposes to apply to the Municipal Corporation at their Meeting to be held on the Second day of May 1949 or on such day thereafter as the said application can conveniently be disposed of, for authority to prescribe a fresh line, in substitution for the existing regular line of the street, in respect of each of the following streets namely

(1) Pimpalwadi Cross Lane.
(2) Sewri Road between Jackaria Bunder Lane No. 2 to Tokersey Jivraj Road.
(3) Jackaria Bunder Road in front of Jackaria Bunder Lane No. 1.
(4) Bellasis Road from the foot of the Bridge to Tardeo Road.
(5) Tardeo Road from Parsi Charity Buildings to the Parsi Fire Temple at Tardeo Tram Terminus Junction.
(6) The Public Street off Thakurdwar Road from Thakurdwar Road to a distance of about 200 ft.

A plan of each of the said public streets showing the existing regular line of the street and the fresh line proposed to be prescribed in substitution therefor as aforesaid, is deposited at the office of the City Engineer, Municipality, and can be inspected by any person desiring to do so, at any time during office hours.

Every person desirous of making any representation to the Corporation or of bringing before the Corporation any objection respecting the said proposal may do so, by letter addressed to the Municipal Secretary at the Municipal Office, and delivered at the said office not less than three clear days before the day of such meeting.

Dated this 8th day of March 1949.

B. K PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
(3658)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a payment by way of a second return in respect of the Ordinary Shares of the above Company, namely a payment of Rs. 35/- per share has been declared by the Liquidators and that the same will be payable at the office of the Liquidators at Electric House, Fort, Bombay, on application in the prescribed manner on Monday the 2nd day of May 1949 or on any subsequent working day during the next six months thereafter between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. and 2-30 p.m. and 3-30 p.m. on week days and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays by cheque drawn on the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Bombay. The forms of application for payment will in due course be forwarded to each shareholder by post.

Dated this 10th day of March 1949.

For the Liquidators,
The Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co. Ltd.
A. L. GUILFORD,
Manager.
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IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK WILL BE CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 15th March, 1949, that day being a Public Holiday (HOLI) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

C. W. MIDDLETON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 5th March, 1949.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

Office of the Chief Controller of Imports

NEW DELHI, the 5th March 1949.

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 8-CCI-49

Subject:—IMPORTS FROM BIZONIA

IN PARTIAL MODIFICATION of Public Notice No. 3-CCI, dated the 3rd February 1949, it is notified that no further licences for imports of the following articles from Bizonia will be granted as licences already issued are considerably in excess of the amount which India had agreed to take from Germany under the trade agreement:—

1. Photographic goods including photographic paper (Falling Under Serial Nos. 302, 303, 305 of Part IV)
2. Camphor (Falling under Serial No. 131 of Part V).
3. Parts and accessories of bicycles (Falling under Serial No. 301, of Part IV).
4. Hardware including umbrella ribs (Falling under Serial No. 275 and 231 of Part IV).
5. Industrial clocks (Falling under Serial No. 308 of Part IV and 92 of Part V).

Sd. C. D. SRIVASTAVA.
for Chief Controller of Imports.
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THE BOMBAY PREVENTIVE SERVICE DEATH BENEFIT FUND: (IN LIQUIDATION).

Notice to Creditors under Section 92 of the Indian Insurance Act of 1938

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Section 92(3) of the Indian Insurance Act of 1938, that a meeting of the Creditors of the Society will be held at Preventive Service Office, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on 19th March, 1949 at 4 p.m. to consider and decide if it is necessary to appoint a Joint Liquidator in the place of or jointly with the liquidator already appointed or a Committee of Inspection in furtherance of the liquidation proceedings.

P. G. BHAGWAT,
(Liquidator) to
Bombay Preventive
Service Death Benefit
Fund, Bombay. (In liquidation).
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RECRUITMENT OF ENGINEERS FOR COMMISSIONED RANKS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for appointment as Commissioned Officers in the Corps of Indian Signals.

2. DURATION OF COMMISSION: 3 years' extendible if willing and services required.

3. NATIONALITY
(a) A candidate must be a national of the Dominion of India by birth or by domicile, or the Ruler or a subject of a State which has acceded to the Dominion of India; (Non-Muslims of Pakistan who have migrated to India on or before 30th Sept., 1948, with the intention of permanently settling down in India will be deemed to have acquired Indian domicile);
(b) A Gurkha subject of Nepal and
(c) Any other person in whose favour a declaration of eligibility has been issued by the Ministries of Home Affairs and Defence.

4. AGE—between 20 to 45 years on the date of application.

5. QUALIFICATIONS: Either of the following:—
(i) An engineering degree of a recognized University with telecommunication or radio as one of the subjects.
(ii) A degree of a recognised university with Applied Mathematics and Physics, supported by a diploma of a recognized telecommunication institute in radio engineering.
(iii) A graduate of the Institute of Electrical Engineers UK with radio or line communications as one of the subjects in Section 'B'.
(iv) Be in possession of a certificate in Electrical Communications Engineering from Indian Institute of Science BANGALORE or such other Radio or line telecommunications certificate or diploma as will exempt him from Sections A & B of the associate membership examination of the Institution of Engineers (India).

6. MEDICAL FITNESS: Must be medically fit for service in all parts of the world.

7. SELECTION: Will be made by orders of Army Headquarters. Those called up for interview will receive class two travelling allowance.

8. Applications containing following particulars will be made to the Director of Signals, General Staff Branch, Army Headquarters, New Delhi, GHQ, PO:—
(a) Date of birth
(b) Qualifications
(c) Employment and Experience
(d) Postal Address.

9. Last date for receipt of applications is 7th March, 1949. Selection will commence shortly after the receipt of applications at Army Hqrs. An application for a declaration of eligibility should also be enclosed by those affected by para 3(c) above. Such candidates must give a declaration that they are willing to adopt Indian nationality. 3652

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

Special Engineer's Department.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the work of "Construction of 110 temporary tenements including ten shops at Sewri Labour Camp" and will be received by the Chief Accountant in his office at the Municipal Head Office Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, on Friday the 25th March, 1949 not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.)

Tender forms containing the directions to tenderers can be had at Rs. 5|- per copy from the Office of the Special Engineer, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE TENDER FORMS, THE TENDERERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN OPTION TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN COMPETITIVE DESIGN FOR ANY OTHER MODE OF CONSTRUCTION BUT THE ACCOMMODATION IS TO BE IDENTICAL TO THAT SHOWN ON PLANS PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE.

By Order of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

Municipal Offices,
Hornby Road,
Fort, Bombay.
7-3-1949. 3661

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

Reservation of Class II accommodation

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that a limited amount of sleeping accommodation (berths) will be reserved for night travel for passengers travelling in Class II by the following trains:—

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Reservation of berths in Class II for sleeping will only be made for passengers proceeding from terminal stations but such accommodation can be booked by an intermediate station should accommodation be available in these compartments on arrival of trains at such stations.

A surcharge of Rs. 10 per night or part of a night for sleeping accommodation will be levied in addition to the fare and the reservation ticket.

Class II accommodation can be reserved 10 days in advance.

These arrangements will come into force from 20/3/49 booking for which date will open from 10/3/1949. 3655

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the disposal of Empty Gunny Bags will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on 19th March, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. 3656

NOTICE

To The Shareholders,

VASANT INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a notice has been received by the Company from Mr. Sanwarmal Dalmia, a member of the Company, of his intention to nominate at the 9th Annual General Meeting of Vasant Investment Corporation Limited to be held at the Registered Office at Cotton Exchange Building, Richey Road, Ahmedabad, on Thursday the 31st of March 1949 at 3 p.m., Messrs. Sundarlal & Co., Registered Accountants and Auditors, 59 Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, as Auditors for the ensuing year in place of the retiring Auditors, Messrs. K. S. Aiyar and Co., Bombay. As required by law a copy of such notice has been sent to the retiring Auditors.

Dated this 9th day of March 1949.

J. R. PILANI.
Chairman.
3660

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED BOOKED AND UNBOOKED PACKAGES.

Under instructions from the B. B. & C. I. Rly., in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways' Act No. IX of 1890 Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by public Auction on FRIDAY the 25th March 1949 at 1-30 p.m. (S.T.) at their Parcel Depot near Grant Road Railway Station.

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Atlantic Pact To Be Signed Before End Of March

ATTACK ON ONE MEMBER TO BE MET BY RESISTANCE FROM ALL

WASHINGTON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): Danish Foreign Minister, Gustav Rasmussen was flying here today to discuss his country's adherence to the military alliance now under final study by eight north Atlantic powers.

The founder members of the alliance—United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Norway—are presenting their views on the complete draft of the pact to another meeting of the negotiators here tomorrow.

Scene of the signing ceremony, expected before the end of the month is still secret, but officials here appeal to anticipate that it will be in the United States.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, approving the final draft last night, apparently did not object to the wording of the vital clause on military aid.

This clause, according to versions accepted here as accurate, commits members to the principle that an attack on one is an attack on all, to be met by immediate action, including the use of armed forces, to restore or maintain security.

Democrat Senator Tom Conally, Chairman of the Committee, said he believed the treaty would be satisfactory to those nations who had expressed uneasiness about the United States intentions on the military aid clause.

Extension of the pact to other nations will be governed, it was reported here, but a provision that signatories may by agreement invite any country" in a position geographically to strengthen the principle of the treaty."

"Four other prospective members—Italy, Iceland, Portugal and Denmark—are expected to be informed officially of the terms after tomorrow's meeting of the negotiators. Denmark is generally expected to join after Mr. Rasmussen's talks here. Italian sources here hope Italy may be admitted in time to sign the pact as a "founder member."

Mr. Wilhelm de Morgenstience, Ambassador of Norway, latest country to join the negotiations declared here last night: "Ever in history has there been an alliance so absolutely peaceful in purpose as the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact."

An earlier message stated:

Eight North Atlantic Governments tonight began studying the draft of a military alliance committing them to immediate armed action in case of aggression against any one of them.

Reports of the draft accepted here as accurate state that the alliance will be fore 20 years.

The draft was approved yesterday by the ambassadors of the six European Governments and Canada in conference with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Final views of the eight governments—the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Norway—are expected to come before the pact negotiators here on Friday.

Officials here forecast signature of the pact by the end of the month.

The eight powers were reported agree that Italy, Denmark, Portugal and Iceland should be brought into the alliance without delay.

Full text of the pact is expected to be published on Monday or Tuesday next.

Most important of the eleven clauses in the draft, sent to the eight powers immediately after being approved by the negotiators here yesterday, committing members to the principle that an attack on one is an attack on all.

Such aggression is to be met by immediate action, including the use of armed forces, to restore or maintain security.

The signatories will also undertake to work together in the economic as well as political and military fields.

HEATED DEBATE AT GULBARGA CONFERENCE

Resolution For Immediate Formation Of Karnatak Province Passed

GULBARGA, March 8. (API)—The All Karnatak Unification Conference concluded here yesterday after adopting a resolution demanding the immediate formation of the Karnatak Province inclusive of the Kannada-speaking areas of the Indian Union, the Kannada-speaking areas of Hyderabad and the State of Mysore.

Mr. S. Nijalingappa, member of the Congress Working Committee and the President of K.P.C.C. presided.

While there was unanimous support for the formation of the proposed Karnatak province, a heated debate followed on the demand of the merger of Mysore with the proposed Karnatak province.

The original resolution moved by Mr. T. R. Nesvi, M.L.A., (Bombay) demanded that the Central Government should take suitable action to form Karnatak province uniting the Kannada-speaking areas of the Indian Union and those of Hyderabad and Mysore, with the Maharaja of Mysore as the constitutional head.

An amendment moved by Mr. Patil Puttappa, Editor "Vishal Karnataka" a daily of Hubli sought that the State of Mysore be merged with the proposed Karnatak province. Mr. Puttappa said that India needed uniformity of administration and that there was no place for Maharajas in future India.

The amendment was accepted by a majority after a heated debate.

Mr. T. Subramanyam, President of the Mysore Constituent Assembly said that great harm would result if the amendment was accepted. The people of Mysore, he added, were solidly behind the Maharaja and they were determined to have him. "Neither Sardar Patel nor Pandit Nehru can change their determination."

A voice: "Similar was the opinion in Kolhapur".

Mr. Subramanyan retorted: "We will fight any atempt to oust the Maharaja. It is a challenge".

Another voice: "We have accepted the challenge".

Nehru Cancels Visit To Aurangabad

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 9 (API): The projected visit of the Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Aurangabad in the middle of March has been cancelled, says a Press Note issued today.

Pandit Nehru was scheduled to visit Aurangabad along with Lady Mountbatten and her daughter on March 11.

Bombay Government Staff Federation

Mr. N. S. Giradkar, General Secretary of the Bombay Government Staff Federation writes:—

"The reports which recently appeared in the press concerning the meeting of the Government appointed Joint Council held on the 26th February 1949 are unauthorised and are inaccurate in certain material respects. They convey a wrong impression that the nominees of the Bombay Government Staff Federation on the staff side of the Council modived thee Federation's outstanding demands in respect of the dearness allowance and revised scales of pay. The correct position is that the Staff side declared at the meeting that a new position had arisen as a result of a rise of Rs. 10 in the rates of dearness allowance and that they would, therefore, submit it to the Working Committee for further consideration. Government has also not given any assurance regarding the reinstatement of the eight employees who have been summarily discharged, on the ground that they were found indulging in disruptive activities and the reports to this effect are unwarranted and incorrect. The discharged employees are from among the active workers of the Federation and the Working Committee, not satisfied with the ground put forth by Government has taken the view that they have been victimised for their legitimate union work. Attempts made so far to secure their reinstatement having failed, the issue of victimisation will be considered by the General Council of the Federation which is meeting shortly.

Venue Of Next World War

ROSYTH (Scotland), March 9 (PTI-Reuter): Commander E. B. Mott, United States observer at the recent British Arctic naval trials said yesterday it was a "dead certainty" that any future conflict would be fought in the Arctic area.

Commander Mott was aboard the British light aircraft-carrier "Vengeance" (13,000 tons), when she arrived in the Firth of Forth today after month-long tests of warships and aircraft under Arctic conditions.

Unless the Arctic problem was solved now, the Commander declared, "we may find ourselves unprepared for Arctic warfare as we were for jungle warfare in the later war. The Anglo-Americans must enter into the problems of Arctic warfare wholeheartedly.

Baldwin Returning To Leeward Isles

LONDON, March 8, (PTI-Reuter): Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, who left behind him a storm of controversy when he sailed for London last month for talks with the Government, will leave for the Islands this week to resume his Governorship.

After an interview with Mr. Clement Atlee, the Prime Minister today Earl Baldwin said here "matters have been settled to our mutual satisfaction. I hope to begin the journey to the Leeward islands on Friday."

Federation Of Headmasters Associations

On behalf of the Bombay Provincial Federation of Headmasters' Associations a deputation consisting of Messrs. M. T. Vyas, M. K. Desai C. A. Christie, R. N. Vakil, and Jyotindra Desai met Mr. D. S. Joshi, Jt. Secretary, to the Government Education Industries Department at the Secretariat on Friday and placed before him some of the resolutions passed at the last Provincial Headmasters' Conference at Sholapur.

The deputationists particularly stressed the need for:—

(1) Appointment by the Government of Committees for reforming the system of examinations and for framing syllabus for high school classes. (2) Consulting Teachers' and Headmasters' Federations before making major changes in the Educational system. (3) Providing a separate scale for undergraduate trained teachers and for advanced increments for M. A. (pass) and M. Ed. qualifications. (4) Increasing the maintenance grant sanctioned by the Government particularly in rural areas. (5) Introducing the principle of election as against the present system of nomination in the case of appointments to the S.S.C.E. Board, from among the Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters. (6) Providing adequate facilities for the training of teachers for handicrafts. (7) Organising more frequently the holiday camps for teachers. (8) Considering the re-organisation of the school terms on a more suitable basis.

Mr. Joshi promised to consider the above sympathetically and suggested that some of the points might well be considered by the Board of Secondary Education.

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This additional Weekly Service is being started in addition to the weekly Mangalore Line Passenger Service leaving from Ferry Wharf every Thursday.
Cabin tickets will be available at our office at 100, Frere Road, on week days during office hours and booking of deck tickets for these sailings will be done at our Prince's Dock Office 24 hours in advance of sailing.
Bombay, 5/3/49.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Falgun Shud 10, 2003.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 9, 1368
Parsi: Meher 9, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-51 a.m. Sunset: 6-47 p.m.
Highside: 06-44, 21-23.
Lowside: 02-32, 14-06.

To-day's Engagements

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 12 Girgaum will meet near Prarthana Samaj tomorrow (Friday), at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), to go round the Ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

CITY PROHIBITION COMMITTEE: Sarvodaya Kala Mandir and Kavya Sevak Dal will give a tamasha and other variety entertainment programme at Labour Welfare Centre, Worli (Jambori Maidan), at 9 p.m. today. Shri R. R. Divakar Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and Ministers of Bombay Government will be present.

B & S. HOTEL KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION: The Bombay and Suburban Hotel Keepers' Association has donated a sum of Rs. 5,001 to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund. Donations may be sent directly to the B. P. C. C., or to the office of the Association for being forwarded to the B. P. C. C.

NAUTICAL & ENGINEERING COLLEGE: Azad Maidan—Mr. G. V. Kitson, High Commissioner for U.K., will present to the college on behalf of the British Ministry of Transport a cheque for Rs. 266 as a contribution towards the college library and a number of technical publications at 11 a.m. today.

MUSLIM STUDENTS UNION: Adjourned annual general meeting at the Union Hall, Juma Masjid Building, opposite J. J. Hospital, at 6 p.m.

Sindhi Association's Holi Celebrations

The Bombay Sindhi Association is celebrating the Holi on the 15th instant in Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Road. Babu Sarat Chandra Bose has kindly consented to preside and he is expected to arrive in Bombay on the 11th instant. Dr. Chotthram Gidwani will also specially come from Delhi. Eminent Sindhi poets and musicians have been invited. The programme will continue from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sindhis should get themselves enrolled as voters in order to take proper interest in the day-to-day life of Bombay Province.

ECHO OF A. B. C. BANK LIQUIDATION

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice & Mr. Justice Coyajee).
Sir Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola .. Appellant.
vs.
Appabhai G. Desai, Official Liquidator of the Associated Banking Corp. of India Ltd. .. Respondent.

The Official Liquidator of the A. B. C. Bank Ltd. made a Report dated 21st May, 1948, under sections 197, 196, 195 and 237 of the Companies Act. On reading this Report and the affidavits filed on a Chamber Summons taken out for the purpose, Mr. Justice Bhagwati had ordered that the appellant and two other directors of the A.B.C. Bank Ltd. should be publicly examined under section 196 of the Companies Act. From this order, Sir Fazal appealed.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga on behalf of the appellant contended that an order for public examination under Section 196 could not be made (1) without a report of the Liquidator under Section 177B(2), and (2) without a 'prima facie' case of fraud being made out against the appellant.

Dismissing the appeal with costs and confirming the order of the trial judge, their lordships held that it was merely by a clerical error that the report of the Liquidator had failed to mention Section 177B as one of the sections under which it was made, and that in any event there was no reference in Section 196 to a report under Section 177B.

Their Lordships accepted Sir Jamshedji's argument that no public examination under Section 196 could be ordered unless a 'prima facie' case of fraud in the promotion, formation or working of the Company had been made out.

Their Lordships stated that in the present case the Report categorically stated that a fraud had been committed, and showed that the management and control of the Bank was exclusively with Cassumally Munjee, his two sons and their father-in-law the appellant, along with one M. C. Jhaveri, the son-in-law of Cassumally Munjee.

Prima facie it appeared that the appellant who had attended almost all meetings of the directors could not but knew what was going on at the Bank and that loans had been given on worthless securities which had directly or indirectly benefitted the Munjees whose close relation he was. Their Lordships, therefore, dismissed the appeal with costs.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. M. J. Mistree instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co. appeared for the appellant.

The Advocate-General Mr. C. K. Daphtary, Mr. M. P. Amin and Mr. M. L. Maneksha instructed by Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy and Co., appeared for the respondent

R. S. S. LEAFLETS FORFEITED

The Government of East Punjab has issued a notification, under Section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found, of the pamphlets "Our Stand" (English) and "Janta Se do Baten" (Urdu) by P. B. Wani, General Secretary, Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh.

Polson Dairy Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Polson Model Dairy, Anand, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. D. Vyas, Judge Labour Court, Ahmedabad.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday, March 10.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m (9, 550 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Ramanlal Dave 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Baswaraj Rajguru.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
12-30 p.m. God Geetem 12-50 News (G) 12-56 Vanita Mandal 1-25 Musical Interlude 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-hour Music.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 B. Sanjeeva Rao 5-15 D. N. Nadkarni 5-30 Children's Half-Hour 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 Shyamadevi 6-30 Mohan Karve 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 B. Sanjeeva Rao 7-30 Hindi Sansthano 7-45 Wilm Music.
41.44 m (7,240 kc/s)
8-0 p.m. Ramanlal Dave 8-15 News (G) 8-30 D. N. Nadkarni 9-0 News (E) 9-15 "Purani Gadi" 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Sport Polo (Review in English) 10-0 Dido and Aeneas.
VARIATIONS.
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. News (E) 7-40 News (M) 7-30 All Quarter 8-15 News (H).
Medium Wave
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
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Medium Wave
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
6-0 Geet Aur Ghazal 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 News (E) 7-45 Commercial News 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Narayan Chavan and Party 9-0 Shyama Devi 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Gujarati Geet (By Dilipkumar) 10-0 Baswaraj Rajguru 10-30 D. N. Nadkarni.
BARODA, Thursday, March 10.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Garbi Geeto 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Amritlal Thakkar (Tabla recital) 8-30 Sagar Mistry (Vocal music) 5-30 p.m. Vocal Music 5-45 Vilayat Hussain 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-35 Chitra Sangeet 7-0 Sushila Pandit and Party (Gujarati Garbas) 7-15 Pralayakal 7-45 Hindi Sansthano (Talk in Gujarati) 8-0 Khurshid 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Vocal Music 8-45 Sarangi Vadan 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Sushila Pandit and Party.

VICTORIA SCHOOL FOR BLIND

Every First Wednesday Of Month To Be A Visitor's Day

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It is with the intention of eradicating harmful notions about the blind that the Management of the Victoria Memorial School for the Blind, Tardeo, has now a fixed a Visitors' Day once every month so that the public may have the chance to personally associate themselves with the blind to study first hand how education can turn them into useful and productive members of society, and how their dark existence can be improved and brightened to make them forget that they are different from others.

For the current month the "Visitors' Day" is fixed for Wednesday the 16th and the School will remain open to the public from 11-0 a. m. to 6-0 p.m., S.T. For the succeeding months the Visitors' Day is fixed for the first Wednesday in every month.

MORARKA BRIBERY CASE

Defence Counsel's Plea For Police Report Rejected

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, today rejected an application made by Mr. K. M. Munshi, defence counsel in the Morarka Bribery Case for producing in the Court the Police Crime Report made by Inspector Miranda in connection with the case.

Making the application Mr. Munshi submitted that yesterday Mr. Miranda was cross-examined by him as regards previous statements made in writing by him in respect of evidence collected by him against the partners of Messrs Morarka and Company. The witness after refreshing his memory from the crime reports which were before him answered the question put to him. In view of this it became relevant to cross-examine the witness as to his previous statements made by him in writing and if necessary to contradict him by the writing. Mr. Munshi further stated that the witness had testified to facts mentioned in the documents viz. Crime Report, and had referred to these Crime Reports in the Court and therefore he had a right to look into the Crime Reports under the Evidence Act.

Mr. Munshi's application was opposed by Mr. Boowariwala, counsel on behalf of the prosecution stating that the Crime Reports were confidential documents and they could not be produced in the Court. The witness had not referred to the Reports in his examination-in-chief. The application therefore, should not be granted.

The Court upheld Mr. Boowariwala's objection and rejected the application.

Mr. Munshi thereafter further cross-examined Mr. Miranda who said that accused Gokulchand Morarka on May 1, 1948 at 3 p.m. walked into his office when other officers were also sitting there. He had not heard the name of accused Rao Saheb Damjibhai before May 4, nor he had made any inquiries about him. On May 4 when both the accused came to the A.C.B. office, Mr. Miranda said, he was sitting in the room of the Deputy Inspector. He did not take any of the accused out of the room for conversation.

The case was adjourned.

MOVE TO POSTPONE UNPRODUCTIVE SCHEMES

Bombay Municipality's Plan For Reduction In Grants

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A move to postpone all avoidable and unproductive schemes will be made shortly by the Bombay Municipality, with a view to supplement the anti-inflationary drive launched by the Government of India.

Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner, will propose a reduction in the grants provided in the Loan Works revised estimates for 1948-49 and the Budget estimates for 1949-50 in respect of Budget A, securing a net saving of Rs. 27,92,597 for the Municipality.

A similar reduction in grants of the Improvement Schemes Capital Accounts will be proposed by the Commissioner.

LOAN FOR MUNICIPALITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Government of Bombay, it is learnt, has authorised the Bombay Municipality to raise a loan of Rs. 61 lakhs for financing of capital works undertaken by the Municipality during the year 1948-49.

Tariff Board Inquiry On Superphosphates

BOMBAY March 9

The Tariff Board's inquiry into the prices to be fixed for indigenous superphosphate will commence at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the office of the Board, Contractor Building, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. Mr. G. L. Mehta will preside.

American Society's Gift To India

NEW DELHI, March 9:— H. E. the most Rev. Leo Peter Kierkels, Apostolic Internuncio in India, made a presentation today of 53 cases of Atabrin, containing 11,537 bottles of 100 tablets each, to the Government of India on behalf of the National Catholic Welfare Conference of New York, for free distribution to the poor suffering from malaria without distinction of caste and creed.

WEATHER

Weather Summary

POONA, March 9. (API.) Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday the 9th March 1949:—

The western disturbance over Sind and the adjoining areas has moved northeastwards and lies this morning over the South West Punjab. It is likely to continue to move northeastwards. It has caused a few thundershowers in the East Punjab hills.

There have also been a few thundershowers in Assam. A few thunderstorms are reported from the Central Provinces.

Night temperatures were appreciably above normal in Northwest India.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OL 10TH:—Thunder showers will be widespread in the East Punjab. A few thundershowers are also likely in the West United Provinces, the central parts of the country Gangetic West Bengal and Assam. Increase in cloudiness is expected along the Coromandel Coast.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 9 (API.) Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st December 1948, departure from normal recorded at 8-00 (I S T) on 9th March 1949:—

Abu 73 58 0 0 minus 0.7 Ahmedabad 92 70 0 0 minus 0.2 Allahabad 85 60 0 1.5 minus 0.5 Bangalore 87 63 0 0.5 minus 0.5 Baroda 95 63 0 0.1 minus 0.2 Belgaum— 62 0 0.1 minus 0.4 BOMBAY 85 68 0 0 minus 0.3 Calcutta 90 68 0 0.1 minus 1.9 Colombo 87 75 0.5 14.1 plus 1.5 Darjiling 54 39 0 2.1 minus 0.2 Delhi 82 58 0 0.9 minus 1.5 Hyderabad (Dn)—68 0 0 minus 1.1 Jubbulpore 89 61 0 1.1 minus 1.1 Lahore— 59 0 3.5 plus 0.7 Lucknow 82 59 0 1.7 minus 0.2 Madras 89 74 0 1.7 minus 5.6 Mahableshwar — 64 0 0 minus 0.6 Nagpur 92 69 0 0.1 minus 1.6 Ootacamund 71 43 0 1.0 minus 2.7 Poona 95 59 0 0 minus 0.3 Shillong 71 52 0 0.7 plus 0.6 Sholapur 97 69 0 0 minus 0.7 Simla 56 40 T 70 minus 0.6 Surat 94 66 0 0.1 minus 0.2

DHOTIES AND SAREES ON RATION COUPONS

There is, it seems some misunderstanding regarding the availability of dhoties or sarees on cloth coupons. Originally when a cloth coupon holder had to purchase his quota of rationed cloth on six monthly basis on A, B and C coupons only, an individual coupon holder could have got a dhoti or saree upto 6 yards in medium or coarse quality alone on coupon A. But it would not have been possible for a coupon holder to obtain a dhoti or saree in fine or super-fine quality as the dhoti or saree coupon was of 6 units only. In view of this difficulty, it was decided to allow combination of coupons B and C with coupon A and permit the purchase of a dhoti or saree upto 5 yards in fine quality. This concession was allowed during the 1st ration period only. As the coupon holders are now allowed to purchase the whole year's quota of rationed cloth and are permitted to purchase half in fine quality and the other half in coarse quality there is no need to continue the concessions. A coupon holder can now obtain on his coupons A and D alone, either two dhoties or sarees upto six yards in medium or coarse quality, or one dhoti or saree upto six yards in fine quality and one dhoti or saree upto six yards in medium or coarse quality. IN OTHER WORDS ONE quality. In other words one does get two sarees or dhoties (both in medium or coarse quality or one in fine and one in coarse quality) on coupons A and D.

VALUE OF BESAN UNIT

From 1st March, 1949, Government has fixed the value of one Besan Unit to be equivalent to 70 lbs.

Theatre Control Rules In Merged States

The Government of Bombay has given its sanction to the bringing into force of the Model Rules for Licensing and Controlling Theatres and Other Places of Public Amusement in the mrged states under the control of the Chief Administrator, Sangli, namely, Sangli, Miraj (Sr.) Miraj (Jr.) Jath, Jamkmandi, Kurundwad (Sr.) and Wadi Jahagir.

New And Reconstructed Premises

It has come to the notice of the Government of Bombay that there is some cinfusion in the minds of the landlords regarding the sending of intimations to the Government, in the prescribed form, in respect of 'new' and reconstructed premises. Intimations are required to be sent under Section 6 of the Bombay Land Requisition Act, 1948, even though the premises are to be occupied by he landlords for their own use. Failure to give the necessary intimation constitutes a breach of the provisions of the Act.

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AGE LIMITS—
Candidates should have been born NOT earlier than 2nd July, 1932 and NOT later than 1st July, 1934.
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION —
Candidates must have passed the Matriculation or an equivalent examination.
SELECTION—
Applicants accepted for the written examination of the F.P.S.C. will be required to appear before a Services Selection Board either before the written examination or after it.
Candidates who appeared at the Armed Forces Academy (Inter-Service Wing) Examination held by F.P.S.C. in January 1949 are NOT eligible to apply. Those candidates, who were rejected for the 1st Inter-Service Wing Course either by Sub-Area Preliminary Interview Board or Services Selection Boards, may apply if otherwise eligible.
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PROTECTING TENANT FROM TAX INCREASES

Landlord's Power To Pass On Burden To Tenant To Be Withdrawn

The Government of Bombay intends to take statutory measures to ensure that the incidence of increased tax on buildings, houses or lands would not fall on tenants.

Accordingly, it is proposed to amend the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control Act, 1947. The amending Bill has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, of March 8.

Section 10 of the Act empowers the landlord to pass on to the tenant increases in taxes on buildings, houses or lands made by local authorities. The amending Bill provides that in Bombay City and certain other specified areas such increases made after March 31, 1949 shall not be passed on to the tenants.

The other specified areas are Kurla Municipal Borough, Bandra Municipal Borough, Parle-Andheri Municipal Borough, Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipal Borough, Juhu Municipal District, Chembur Village, Thana Municipal Borough, Malad Notified Area, Kandivali Notified Area, Borivali Notified Area, Mulund Village, Bhayandar Village, Ahmedabad Municipal Borough, Ahmedabad Cantonment, Poona City Municipal Borough, Poona Suburban Municipal Borough, Poona Cantonment and Kirkee Cantonment.

Power is also taken to put this restriction in other areas to which the Act may be extended.

Section 13(1) (e) of the Act entitles a landlord to recover possession of any premises if the tenant has, since the coming into operation of the Act, sublet the premises. Section 15 of the Act, however, permits sub-letting under certain conditions.

In construing the Act, Section 13 (1) (e) has to be read with Section 15 and the position, therefore, is that the laidlord has no right to recover possession under section 13 (1) (e) in cases where the tenant has lawfuly sublet the premises under section 15. However, as a doubt is likely to arise, it is found necessary to amend the Act so as to clarify the position.

LODGERS IN HOTELS

The working of Part III of the Act has revealed certain defects. Instances have come to the notice where a lodger in a hotel, who has taken up accommodation for a fixed period, refuses to vacate at the end of that period. If in such cases, the hotel owner has contracted to take up another lodger, the position becomes very embarrassing to him as well to the incoming lodger because, as the Act stands at present, there is no speedy remedy enabling the hotel owner to recover possession of the accommodation. It is necessary to distinguish between daily and monthly lodgers. It is, therefore, proposed to empower the Controller to fix, along with fair rates, the percentage of accommodation for daily and monthly lodgers and to provide a speedy remedy for the hotel owner to recover possesion of the accommodation if the lodger fails to vacate at the end of the period for which he has been accommodated.

If a lodger is in arreas of payment the hotel owner has no other remedy except to go to a civil court and get him evicted. The suit may drag on for a considerable length of time and even if the hotel owner succeeds in getting him evicted, there is very little possibility of recovering the arrears. It is necessary to provide that pending the final decision of the suit for recovery of arrears, the hotel owner should be entitled to make an application to the court requiring the lodger to deposit in court the charges in question.

It is, accordingly, proposed to empower the Court to forthwith order the lodger to deposit the amount in Court within a period specified by it and to pass an order for the eviction of the lodger, if he fails to deposit the amount within the specified period.

The Bill also proposes to repeal the Bombay Ordinance No. 1 of 1949 and re-enact the provisions thereof.

PROF. ALMEIDA DEAD

Former President Of Bandra Municipality

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, March 9.

A crowd of over 2,000 people of all castes and nationalities attended on Tuesday evening the funeral of Prof. J. F. R. D'Almeida, a prominent civic worker, Councillor of the Bandra Municipality for over two decades and former President.

The funeral cortege which left his residence at 6 p.m. for St. Peter's Church, Bandra was given the last salute by a contingent of the Bombay Suburban Boy Scouts of which the Professor was ex-Vice-President.

The cortege on entering St. Peter's Church a solemn and impressive service was officiated by Mgr. Rev. V. Dyer, Vicar General assisted by over 30 priests after which the cortege was carried to the grave yard escorted by the Boy Scouts.

EARNEST SOCIAL WORKER

At the grave yard Mr. John Netto, President of the Bandra Municipal Board in an oration paid glowing tributes to the sterling qualities and high intellectual attainments of the late Prof. D'Almeida.

Mr. Netto said, besides being an authority in Botany which he was a Professor in St. Xavier's College, Prof. Almeida had many attainments and personal acquisitions. He greatly enriched the traditions of St. Xavier's College in which after graduation he served several generations till the end of this life. His interest in social activities and co-operative housing Societies was one that will long be remembered.

He was an Honorary Magistrate for several years and took active part in the affairs of the Bandra Municipality and carried out several improvements in the administration of the Municipality. In 1932 he was elected President and it was during his regime that the Governor of Bombay for the first time paid an official visit to Bandra.

A large number of visitors paid their last homage to his cortege at his house. Among them were Mr. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Dr. Callaco, Ex-Mayor of Bombay, Mr. A. Patterson, General Manager of the Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Company, and Mr. Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Police.

The Bandra Municipal office was closed yesterday as a mark of respect.

KING TO BE OPERATED ON NEXT WEEK

LONDON, March 9. (PTI-Reuter): King George VI who is shortly to undergo an operation to improve the flow of blood to his right foot, was today carrying on the normal but restricted routine imposed upon him since his illness.

Today the King was receiving official visitors in audience at Buckingham Palace.

No further bulletin is expected to be issued by the King's six doctors until after the operation which will be sometime within the next week and will probably take place at the Palace.

The King now walks with a slight limp but he does not use a stick or other support. He wears special footwear which is slightly broader than normal.

SARVODAYA CONFERENCE

Members To Seek Rajen Babu's Advice

(From Our Correspondent)

SARVODAYA NAGAR, (MALWA), March 9.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of Indian Constituent Assembly Shankarrao Deo General Secretary of Congress and several contigents of Sarvodaya Samaj members belonging almost to all Indian provinces arrived here today bringing the total of members to 250. Dr. Rajendra Prasad was received at Rao by the Maharaja of Indore, Ministers of Malwa government and a large number of people. A gathering of 10,000 earlier greeted Rajendra Babu when his train arrived in the evening at Indore.

The conference of the members of Sarvodaya Samaj will be opened tomorrow afternoon it is announced.

Addressing the gathering after evening prayers today, Acharya Vinoba Bhave declared "a day will come when crores of people all over the world will join Sarvodaya movement when recording of its members on register will become almost impossible. That day should come tomorrow is my prayer before God" added Vinoba.

NATIONAL PRODUCTION ONLY REMEDY FOR PRESENT EVILS

"Let us learn to take each other's care and let us not be anxious about ourselves at the cost of others".

Acharya Vinoba exhorted the gathering to contribute their mite towards the national production which was the only remedy against the present day evils.

People all over the country are today most anxious to listen to the message of Sarvodaya and I expect all of you to carry on with All-India Sarvodaya.

The Sarvodaya Samaj again held two sittings today when means to achieve the Sarvodaya Samaj objectives were discussed in details. The members will, tomorrow morning, have a trend of discussions before Dr. Rajendra Babu and seek his advice. Dr. Prasad will preside over the Conference it was officially understood today. A programme of three days of Conference has been arranged in accordance with general practice of Gandhiji's ashram. All the members will rise early in the morning and hold morning and evening prayers and collective spinning. An open session will daily meet for 3 hours in the morning and in the afternoon. Daily 2 hours during night have been fixed for group discussions and meetings.

Grass and bamboo built Sarvodaya Nagar is now almost complete and Conference "pandal" is well decorated. A clay dust of Gandhiji has been placed at central place in Sarvodaya Nagar which is also a centre of attraction of people.

FOLLOW THE LEAD OF GANDHIJI, SAYS RAJEN BABU

In the course of his presidential address, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said: "the work of the Sarvodaya Sammelan, which was founded last year, cannot be fulfilled unless we are able to establish a non-violent social order in accordance with Gandhiji's conception not only in India but n other parts of the world.

LONDON MOURNS MRS. NAIDU'S DEATH

Glowing Tributes Paid To Her Personality And Work

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON (By Air Mail): The news of passing away of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, India's honoured and cherished poetess and leader, came as a great shock to the Indian community in London. It was not widely known that she had been ailing for some time.

TRIBUTES

Glowing tributes have been paid here to her remarkable personality and her great contributions to human understanding. The national flag at India House went half mast in grief.

A condolence meeting of Indians and Englishmen was also held. But as Mr. Menon, the High Commissioner pointed out "no adequate tribute could be paid to our beloved poetess in words howsoever great and glowing. Only by our actions we can pay the great debt we owe to her inspiration and leadership. We should cultivate her virtues of understanding and tolerance and build up an India where no man or woman would suffer on account of his or her faith or belief. All writers and speakers recognised the remarkable part she played in India's fight for freedom. Attention was also drawn to the fact that she was a notable poet. It is regretted by many that on account of her participation in the national struggle the muses should have been almost forgotten. Her political battles ended successfully but too late to afford her an opportunity to return to the "infinite, with which she had left us"

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It is recalled that she got her education in Britain. Fond of describing herself as belonging to 'Naughty Nineties', the 'Times, says she was far removed from the popular conception of a blue stocking. She had the good fortune, the journal observes, to enlist the semi-paternal interest in her verse of Edmond Gosse. Indeed, that is so. It was Edmund Gosse, who implored her to give up writing about Robbins and Skylarks in the landscape of English counties, with the village bell calling perishioners to church, but to set her poems among the mountains gardens, temples and mosques of her land, to introduce the West to the people of her Motherland. The result of this advice was electric. With the docility and rapid appreciation of genius Sarojini instantly acted upon this suggestion. Since 1895 she wrote no copy of verses which endeavoured to conceal the exclusively Indian sources of inspiration... "She springs from the very soil of India: her spirit although it employs the English language as its vehicle, has no other ties with the West, wrote Edmund Gosse later.

Mrs. Naidu was not only a great politician, a notable poet, but also a great statesman. In the opinion of the Manchester Guardian. To a greater extent it was her influence and force of personality which kept the United Provinces free from the horrors of the Punjab. "At her death the sorrow will be great than the sorrow at a public catastrophe. For her death will also be a private catastrophe to all who were fortified by the vigour of her personality, by her wit and moved of what India, may achieve tomorrow."

Her captivating gaiety did not desert her at St. James Palace, and at one meeting says a writer in the Times, she nicknamed Gandhi "Our little Micky Mouse" "I can think of no other Indian politician says Kingsley Martin, "who would have dared to call Gandhi Mickey Mouse or have said that the looked "like a bat." A writer in the Manchester Guardian recalls, that while she was in South Africa General Hertzog asked her why her Indian compatriots there did not go back to their country. "I might as well ask," she replied why you Hollanders in South Africa don't return to the Netherlands."

A LONDON INCIDENT

Not many people are aware that while in London Mrs. Naidu attended a gathering in honour of the late Lord Reading, who was about to go to India as Viceroy. She told Lord Reading to remember the aspirations of India. She was, she said, entrusting him with this high mission, because he was preceeding her to India. Lord Reading bowed and said" madam, truly and in all respects you preceede me." At a conference in Delhi while Pandit Malaviya was discussing matters in relation to some cow conference, she butted in" what about Bull conference". This sent a roar of laughter, Pandit Malaviya observing that she was always joking. Indeed, as a well known Indian resident in London says, "she had more humour than that shared by any dozen of India's devoted leaders and servant. Perhaps that was why she often came nearest to "interpretting those enigmatic and unexpected faoets of Gandhi's character and personality" for he too, had a remarkable sense of humour.

ASHES OF MRS. NAIDU BROUGHT TO HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn) March 9. (A. P.I.): The ashes of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu were brought by her son D. Jaisoorya this morning to Hyderabad from Delhi.

The special train bringing the ashes arrived at the Secunderabad railway station at 7-30 this morning. As the units of the third Indian grenadiers presented a guard of honour Major General J. N. Chaudhury, Military Governor of Hyderabad and other members of the Hyderabad administration, Major M. G. Naidu, husband of Mrs. Naidu and others who were present on the platform stood in salute for a minute after which the Urn containing the ashes was taken out and placed in a gun carriage decorated with flowers.

Major General Chaudhury, Major M. G. Naidu and Dr. Jaisoorya took their seats on the gun carriage which was then taken in procession through the principal thoroughfares of Secunderabad to "Golden threshold" residence of Major M. G. Naidu in Hyderabad.

The Urn then placed on a platform in a specially constructed shamiana at the "Golden threshold". The ashes will lie in state here and will be open for "darshan" till the morning of Friday, March 11 when they will be taken again in procession to the Sangam confluence of the rivers Esa and Musi, about four miles west of Hyderabad city for immersion.

A large number of friends, relatives and admirers of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu visited the golden theshold this morning to pay their respects to the remains of the departed leader.

MOVE FOR TRUCE LINE IN KASHMIR

Indo-Pak Representatives Meet U. N. Sub-Committee

NEW DELHI, March 9. (API)—The Truce Sub-Committee of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan held a joint conference with the representatives of India and Pakistan today, when, it is understood, the stage was set to begin work on the "definition of a permanent truce line to replace the existing cease fire line in the State of Jammu and Kashmir".

India was represented by Maj.-Gen. Kalwant Singh, Chief of the General Staff, Mr. Vishnu Sahai, Secretary to the Government of India for Kashmir Affairs in the States Ministry and Lt.-Col. Satarwala of the Army headquarters.

Pakistan representatives were Maj.-Gen. W. J. Cawthorn, Deputy Chief of General Staff, Brig. M. Sher Khan, Director of Military Operations, and Mohd. Ayub, Liaison officer with the Commission.

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SOVIETS BUY MORE MALAYA RUBBER

SINGAPORE, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Union, already a big buyer of Malayan rubber, has ordered a further 10,000 tons for shipment later this month, according to the Singapore newspaper "Strait Times".

This will bring her total purchases for the first quarter of 1949 to about 45,000 tons.

THE BAKU, fourth Soviet ship to call at Singapore for rubber this year, will leave for Odessa tomorrow carrying 9,250 tons.

OBNOXIOUS DOCTRINE BORROWED FROM RUSSIA

Sir C. V. Raman Against Nationalisation

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, (By Mail).

Voicing his emphatic protest against nationalisation of industries, Dr. Sir C. V. Raman, said that "this obnoxious doctrine borrowed from Russia will spell death-knell to the development of India's industries."

Dr. Sir Raman was speaking at Prize Distribution ceremony of the All-India Swadeshi and Industrial Exhibition held under the auspices of the Bangalore City Congress Committee.

Dr. Raman after distributing the prizes to several stall holders, said that Bangalore with her salubrious climate was best suited for the development of all industries. The growth and development of the City, he opined, should not be checked in any way but the natural beauty should not be defaced in any manner. While other big cities in India were the creation of the Britishers, Bangalore was unique because she was founded by an Indian Chieftain, Kempe Gowda.

Adverting to the objects of the Exhibition Sir Raman said that they should not merely be a delight to the feminine eye, but should be a perfect medium of visual objective education. Then alone, exhibitions will have achieved the desired results.

He emphatically asserted that Indian talent was second to none in the world provided "we have the requisite will and determination to do it." He said that the inferiority complex developed as a result of British rule should be shaken off and that even our leaders were not free from this complex.

Referring to agricultural development Sir Raman pointed out that it entirely depended upon industrial and technological development. He urged for the close co-ordination of industrial science for the development of agriculture.

"In scientific research India has been lowered in the eyes of the world as never before and no real work is being done in India," he said. "Science is knowledge and knowledge he power and without power nothing can be done" he added.

THEY WILL NOT LEAVE S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG March 8 (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. Yusuf Cachalia, Joint Secretary of the Transavaal Indian Congress, today described as a "political bribe" an offer by the South African Minister of Interior to pay a double bonus to Indians who voluntarily return to India.

Mr. Cachalia said the offer was aimed at getting the votes of the less informed section of the electorate particularly in Natal. (South Africa goes to the polls tomorrow to elect new provincial counsels)

He added that only a few elderly people born in India who had already decided to return would avail themselves of the offer.

"The vast majority of Indians here are citizens of South Africa and no coercion, nor an unfavourable social, political and economic position will induce them to leave South Africa, he said in a statement.

KHUHRO CONVICTED ON 31 CHARGES

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 8:— It is now learnt on good authority that the Special Enquiry Tribunal has found Mr. M. A. Khuhro, Sind's ex-Premier guilty on as many as 31 charges of maladministration, corruption, nepotism etc., out of a total of 65 levelled against him.

Report of the Tribunal has long been submitted to the authorities and it is learnt that the same is under consideration of the Governor of Sind at present who is probably awaiting an opportune moment for making it public.

It is also learnt that the publication of this report has been delayed on account of Mr. Khuhro's party, though not he himself, once again coming into power in Sind after the resignation of Pir Ministry.

Arms Licenses For Pakistanis

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 7: The Government of Pakistan are reported to be proposing certain changes in the Arms Act so that licenses for the possession of arms are granted freely to the citizens.

A special Committee with Sir Feroekhan Noon as Chairman has been appointed to make recommendations in this connection.

Smooth Sailing For Sind's New Premier

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 8:— Mr. Yusuf Haroon, the new Premier of Sind, has now been assured of the support of yet another group—under Haji Moulabux (brother of late Premier Allahbux), besides the Hindu party. Thus, this young new Premier has now been assured of comfortable majority and much smoother sailings for his Ministry.

It is also not quite unlikely that he may even soon enjoy full confidence of the Assembly as a whole, as his opponents are seen coming to his fold one by one.

INDIAN RAILWAYS' DEAL WITH MUNICH FIRM

NEW DELHI, March 9, (API):— The Frankfurt report quoting the by-zonal Transport Administration that a contract between the Indian Government Railways and the Krauss Maffei Corporation of Munich, Germany's locomotive builders, will be signed on March 11 is stated to be "incorrect" here.

Negotiations are stated to be still in progress with this firm, but nothing has been finalised so far.

Any contract that might result from such negotiations would have to be signed in India, and not in Germany.

BABARIA ELECTED TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr Govind Mulji Babaria, Scheduled Caste Federation candidate, was elected to the Municipal Corporation from the Mazagaon constituency (Ward 19), defeating Mr. Bhanji N. Rathod, an Independent candidate.

The election was held yesterday at the Victoria Gardens to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Khimji Mulji Rathod.

The successful candidate got 1,560 votes, while Mr. Rathod secured 1,206. One hundred ballot papers were declared invalid.

Out of the total electorate of 25,780, only 2,866 voters exercised their franchise.

SOCIAL REVOLUTION ON DEMOCRATIC LINES

Narendra Deo's Address To Students In Patna

PATNA, March 8 (A.P.I.): The Socialist Party was against the Congress Government but would do everything that lay in its power to strengthen the Indian State, said Acharya Narendra Deo, Chairman of the All-India Socialist Party Conference, addressing a meeting of students here this evening. Sir C. P. N. Singh, vice-Chancellor of the Patna University presided.

At the same time, Acharya Deo said, there were loose talks usually indulged in by a section of the people that the present Congress Government were moving towards Fascism. He did not believe in such a propaganda. The present Government might have reactionary leanings but it was upto the people to check them, he added. Acharya Narenda Deo asked his audience to bear in mind the distinction between States and Government, a distinction completely blurred in this country.

Giving an account of the circumstances leading to the break of the Socialists from the Congress, Acharya Narendra Deo said, when the battle of independence was going on, the Socialists joined hands with the Congress as both had the common ideal in view. But with the attainment of independence, the situation had changed. There was a need for social revolution. India's genius demanded that this revolution must be peaceful, non-violent and democratic.

Speaking of the Communists, he said that the Communist Party had a poor following and meagre popularity. Communists were agents of Russia whose behests they carried out. In Russia, he added, there was no dictatorship of the proletariat but of the Communist Party and there was no freedom of speech, to talk nothing of freedom to organise an opposition party.

ALL-INDIA HANDLOOM WEAVERS CONGRESS

The second conference of All-India Handloom Weavers Congress will be held during the last week of April 1949 at Sholapur. The opening ceremony will be held by Dr. Shamaprasad Mukharji, Mr B. G. Kher and Mr. Valkunthalal Metha, will attend.

The fifth Conference of Bombay Provincial Handloom Weavers' Association will be held at the same time. Discussion will take place in the above Conferences for ensuring the bright future of the handloom industry. In India more than one crore of people depend on this old cottage industry.

The delegate's fee is Rs. 10 (including boarding and lodging charges). It can be received personally or by M. O., by the General Secretary, Sholapur District Handloom Weavers Congress, Sholapur.

Wage Boards To Decide Minimum Remuneration

MADRAS, March 9 (A.P.I.): Addressing the first meeting of the Provincial Labour Advisory Committee today Mr H. Sitarama Reddi, Minister in charge of Labour, stated that the Government had decided to constitute wage boards in all important centres in the province to determine the minimum remuneration for agricultural and plantation labour. The Committee consisting of the representatives of capital and labour, has been appointed by the Government to advise them on matters affecting the interests of the working class.

Britain's A.A.A. Appeals For Greater Facilities

(From VERNON MORGAN, Reuter's Sports Editor)

LONDON, March 6. (PTI-Reuter)—An appeal for greater sporting facilities for the youth of Britain was made in the annual report of the Amateur Athletic Association. The report declared that while there had been all round improvement in average performances during the past year, Britain would not attain her proper place in International Athletics until fuller facilities for the pursuit of sporting recreation were reported to the public.

The report declared "until local authorities throughout the country fulfil their obligations towards the youth of the nation by providing recreational facilities for all sports and in particular for athletics, full benefit of the schemes for coaching and development will never be obtained, and we shall not attain our proper place in International Athletics.

The most satisfactory feature of the year, the report stated, "the all round improvement of average performances of all ages, and the increasing interest in athletics and demand for expert coaching among schools and youth organisations".

EUROPE'S ECONOMIC CABINET

PARIS, Mar. 8 (PTI-Reuter)—Europe's eight-man "Economic Cabinet" has approved a recovery plan calling for a slashing of imports from dollar areas on the lines of Britain's post-war policy, it was disclosed here today.

The policy-making committees eight-point plan of action to restore European economic independence by the time Marshal aid ends will now go to the 19-member council of the organisation for European economic co-operation for ratification.

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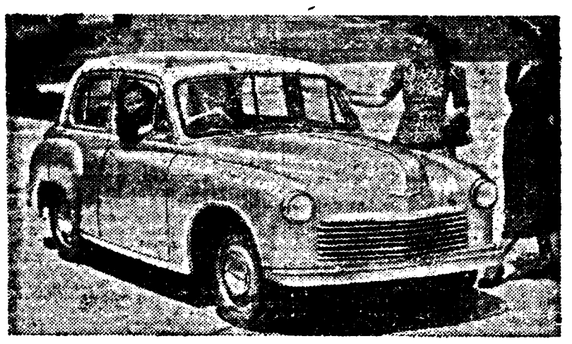

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Maharashtra's Hopeless Task Against Bombay

CENTURY IN EACH INNINGS BY PHADKAR AND UDAY MERCHANT

POONA, March 9, (API):— Bombay mercilessly flogged the tired Maharashtra bowling and during five hours today put on 47 runs for the loss of four wickets thus making an aggregate total of 672 runs for seven wickets in their second venture in the semi-final of the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy. Bombay has now an unassailable lead of 916 runs with two second innings wickets still in hand. Umrigar it may be recalled will take no further part in the match due to the face injury he sustained on the second day.

Phadkar once again was the dominant factor in Bombay's batting today. He was especially aggressive after getting into his three figures in two hours and a quarter. His last 60 runs were gathered in 36 minutes. He hit 19 fours and a six. Uday Merchant, who stayed with Phadkar to add 302 for the fourth wicket was more cautious and was overshadowed by the carefree hard hitting of his younger partner.

By scoring centuries in the second innings as well, both Phadkar and Uday Merchant achieved the distinction of swing a hundred in each innings of a first class match. This is incidentally the first-time that either batsman has done so Phadkar also achieved the distinction of scoring three consecutive centuries having scored 137 at Madras.

With a lead of 449 runs and seven second innings wickets in hand Phadkar and Uday Merchant resumed Bombay's second innings today, the fifth day of their Cricket Championship semi-final against Maharashtra.

With both batsmen taking absolutely no risks dull cricket resulted only 48 runs being added to the total in the first hour's play. Uday and Phadkar both passed their 50 mark in succession and the 300 of the innings was sent up in 222 minutes.

Once the 350 mark was reached the complexion of the play changed completely. Both Phadkar and Merchant indulging in some big hitting. Phadkar hit Nimbalkar for five fours and a straight six in two overs. The pair now raced to their respective centuries. Uday Merchant completing his century first after being at the crease for 147 minutes, his score including 14 hits to the boundary when Phadkar passed the century mark in 143 minutes, including eleven fours and a six, the fourth wicket partnership was worth 201 runs in 136 minutes.

Phadkar and Merchant remained unbeaten with 137 and 118 runs respectively when tea was taken with the total at 437 for 3 wickets.

The new ball, taken when play was resumed, soon had its effect, both Phadkar and Merchant being out within 20 minutes. First Phadkar offered Rege at cover point an easy catch off Gokhale and Merchant followed him immediately being stumped by Bhandarkar off Chowdhary. The Phadkar-Merchant partnership had added 302 runs for the 4 wicket.

Phadkar had batten 180 minutes for his 160 which included 19 fours and a six and Merchant's 156, made in 238 minutes, included 23 fours. Merchant and Phadkar were the seventh and eighth batsmen to score a century in each innings in the Ranji Trophy. The six other batsmen are S. W. Sohoni and D. B. Deodhar for Maharashtra, Vijay Hazare, H. R. Adhikari and R. B. Nimbalkar for Baroda and S. M. Kadri for Bombay.

Dalvi and Dickinson became associated and the latter hitting out freely collected a quick 40 runs, which included six fours and a six, before stopping a straight one from Rege at 518.

Dalvi and Raiji then took the score Chowdhary to 1e, hit his own wicket.

Raiji and Ramchand then added 76 runs to the total in the last hour and remained unbeaten when stumps were drawn for the day at 672. to 571 when the former, in pulling

SCORE-BOARD

BOMBAY (First Innings) 651

MAHARASHTRA (First Innings) 407

BOMBAY (Second Innings)

K. C. Ibrahim c Bhandrakar b Dhanwade	59
M. K. Mantri b Nimbalkar	2
K. M. Rangnekar st. Bhandarkar b Chowdary	94
U. M. Merchant St. Bhandarkar b Chowdhary	156
D. G. Phadkar c Rege b Gokhale	160
M. M. Dalvi hit wicket b Chowdhary	43
P. J. Dickinson lbww b Rege	40
M. N. Raiji batting	55
G. S. Ramchand batting	27
M. K. Tarapore to bat	
Extras	36
TOTAL (for seven wickets)	672

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/4, 2/165, 3 181 4/483 5/518 6/571 and 7-672.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W
Y. N. Gokhale	28	6	81	1
B. B. Nimbalkar	17	1	107	1
S. G. Dhanwade	27	1	126	1
M. R. Rege	25	4	56	1
S. G. Chowdhary	45	0	188	3
S. G. Joshi	3	1	12	0
S. D. Deodhar	15	4	42	0
M. C. Datar	4	0	24	0

WOMEN'S TEAM TENNIS

Bombay Gym. Get Verdict In Last Minute To Enter Final

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A successful race against "Father Time" resulted in a thrilling victory for the Bombay Gymkhana team this evening, when they met the Young Women's Christian Association in the semi-final of the Women's Team Tennis Championship for the Lady Dorab Tata Shield.

Having lost their first two encounter to the Y. W. C. A. team, the Bombay Gymkhana won the third one.

Interest centred round the other match that was being played on the adjoining court—between Mrs. L. D. Mudie and Mrs. W. Barrett (Bombay Gym.) and Mrs. G. Johnstone and Miss V. Dubash (Y. W. C. A.). With very little time left, the Bombay Gymkhana had to win this difficult match in two straight sets.

For had they not been able to finish this last match or even lost it, they would have enabled their opponents, Y. W. C. A., to enter the final by virtue of their two matches to one lead.

Considering the stadiness of their opponents Mrs. Johnston and Miss Dubash, who had earlier defeated their other pair Mrs. Culberson and Mrs. Mayne, very few anticipated such a victory in so short a time. But Mrs. Mudie and Mrs. Barrett playing excellently just managed to bring home the bacon.

The Bombay Gymkhana thus shared the four matches played equally with their opponents, but got the verdict on the count of the sets won, five going in their favour as against the four won by the Y. W. C. A.

Throughout the evening tennis of an exceedingly high standard was witnessed. Mrs. Johnstone and Miss Dubash, particularly the latter had their opponents positively worried with their well-placed tosses, but the Bomoay Gymkhana pair playing clever tennis never succumbed to the temptation. Their players possessing excellent ground strokes did the right thing and went far back and drove these tosses after letting them lob. They possessed the speed and the necessary consistency to force the Y. W. C. A representatives into tossing beyond the baseline.

The Bombay Gymkhana now will meet in the final the winners of the Willingdon-C. C. I. semi-final.

The following were the results:—

Mrs. L. D. Mudie and Mrs. N. Barrett (Bombay Gymkhana) lost to Mrs. S. Aibara and Mrs. B. O. Tims (Y. W. C. A.) 5—6, 4—6; beat Mrs. G. Johnstone and Miss V. Dubash (Y. W. C. A.) 6—5, 6—3.

Mrs. C. Mayne and Mrs. R. Cuthbertson (Bombay Gymkhana) lost to Mrs. G. Joshtone and Miss V. Dubash (Y. W. C. A.) 4—6, 6—3, 2—6, beat Mrs. S. Aibara and Mrs. B. O. Tims (Y. W. C. A.) 6—4, 6—2.

Result: Bombay Gymmkhana won by five sets to four, with four matches being shared equally.

French Tennis Stars To Play At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 9 (API.) France's number two and number six tennis stars, Mons. Robert Abelesslem and Mons. Dubeck are expected to play two exhibition matches against ranked Indian players at Calcutta in the near future.

Mons. Robert Abelesslem and Mons Dubeck who are now in Saigon playing exhibition matches are expected to arrive here on their way back about the end of this month. Mr. T. S. Kakko, Hon. Secretary, All-Indian Lawn Tennis Association, states that the names of the Indian players meeting the French stars and dates of the matches will be announced later.

New Zealand Betting Laws Amended

WELLINGTON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter). Off-the-course betting, illegal for more than fforty years in New Zealand, was approved bp a two-to-one majority in a nationwide referendum today.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

3-40 p.m. Antonio D'Souza vs. Dom Bosco.

4-40 p.m. St. Mary's vs. Little Flower (School's League).

5-40 p.m. City "A" vs. Procter "A" (Women's League).

TENNIS

Bombay Gymkhana Courts, Churchgate

4-30 p.m. Women's Team Tennis Championships.

SWIMMING

Victoria Swimming Bath (Backbay)

9 p.m. Asian Aquacade of 1949.

MARSHALL BEATS DEB

CALCUTTA, March 9. (A.P.I.): Robert Marshall, Australian and British Empire Billiard Champion beat P. K. Deb by 532 points in a game of two hours at the Great Eastern Hotel tonight.

Scores are:

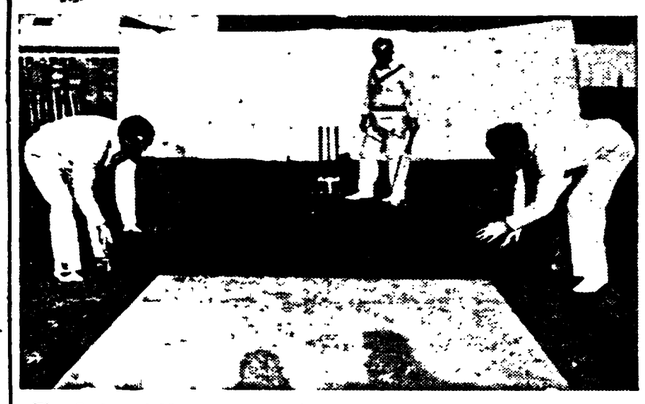
Marshall 1072.

P. K. Deb 540.

Marshall's breaks are: 137, 57, 45, 216, 136, 102, 46.

Deb's breaks are: 76, 56, 51 and 52.

PRE-FAB CRICKET PITCH



The first portable concrete cricket pitch for public parks and places with rough, natural pitches, is now being tried out in Middlesex at Ashford. The pitch consists of sections of 6 ft. wide covering the width and 3 ft. long; these are tied with a tight joint and the complete surface covered by matting. Picture shows the mat being rolled out on the prefab. pitch; the batsman seen is Bill Edrich.

Holkar Facing Big Defeat

CENTURY STAND BETWEEN NAYUDU BROTHERS

INDORE, March 9 (A.P.I.): With only two second innings wickets to fall and a lead of only three runs over the Baroda's first innings total of 349 Holkar were in an unhappy position at the end of the third day's play, today, in the semi-final of the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy.

Holkar, with Kunzru, Nivsarkar, Mushtaq Ali and Sarwate back in the pavilion with only 64 on board before the lunch interval today, were faced with the possibility of an innings defeat but C. K. Nayudu and C. S. Nayudu averted the danger by putting on 116 runs for the fifth wicket. But, with the dismissal of the elder Nayudu, the rot again set in and the wickets of C. S. Nayudu, Gaekwad and Salim fell in quick succession.

Jagdale and Bhatnagar came together for the ninth wicket and remained unbeaten when stumps were drawn for the day at 219 with 20 and 7 respectively.

Shinde and Vijay Hazare were the successful Baroda bowlers claiming 4 for 63 runs and 3 for 62 runs, respectively.

SCORE-BOARD

HOLKAR (First Innings) 133

BARODA (First Innings) 349

HOLKAR (First Inings)

Kunzru lbw Vijay Hazare	.. 11
Nivsarkar b Shinde	.. 26
Mushtaq Ali c Nimbalkar b Vivek Hazare	.. 16
C. K. Nayudu lbw Vijay Hazare	.. 55
Sarwate c D. K. Gaekwad b Shinde	.. 0
C. S. Nayudu c Vivek Hazare b Shinde	.. 74
Jagdale batting	.. 20
Gaekwad b Shinde	.. 0
Salim lbw b Vijay Hazare	.. 1
Bhatnagar batting	.. 7
Extras	.. 9
Total (for 8 wickets)	.. 219

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 28; 2 for 54; 3 for 62; 4 for 64; 5 for 180; 6 for 196; 7 for 198 and 8 for 205.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sohoni	23	3	60	0
Vijay Hazare	31	10	62	3
Vivek Hasare	12	8	8	1
Shinde	34	10	63	4
Gul Mahomed	4	1	12	0
Adhikari	4	2	2	0
Ghorpade	1	0	3	0

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNEY

New Zealand's Attempt To Stage Championships

WELLINGTON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter). The New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association is seeking to arrange an international tournament to follow the British Empire games at Auckland next year.

This move follows an unsuccessful attempt by the Association to have Lawn Tennis included in the games programme.

The Association has invited all the Empire countries to send two men and two women players for the tournament.

Germany Invited For Olympic Committee Congress

FRANKFURT, Mar. 8 (PTI-Reuter)—A German representative has received an invitation to participate in the Congress of the International Olympic Committee in Rome next month, according to the Frankfurter Neue Presse.

The newspaper added that it was understood that the invitation had been sent to the Duke of Mecklenburg, who for many years been a member of the International Olympic Committee. The Duke attended the meeting of the Committee in London last year.

World Non-Stop Flying Record Established

TETEGBORD (New Jersey), Mar. 8 (PTI-Reuter)—Bill Odom, World War II ferry pilot flew in here from Honolulu today, setting a 5,000 miles world's non-stop record for light planes.

The 29-year-old flyer, already holder of the world circling speed record, touched down his tiny monoplane 36 hours and one minute after leaving Honolulu.

Odum's plane was a single-engined machine of 1859 horsepower, and carried 288 gallons of fuel.

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The following are the track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:—

RACE GRASS

DINKIE (Gulamali), GAY VAGABOND (Russell) and MALABAR STAR (Kadam) were placed in the order mentioned when covering the last five in 1 min. 5½ secs.

FULL HOUSE (Russell) held RAJ DOOT (Khalil) when sent over six. Timeing 1 min. 19 secs

KIRTI (Diab) and THALWIL (Md. Khan) moved attractively and clocked 1 min. 37 2-5 secs. for seven furlongs.

ABBESS (Khade) moved on tight-reins when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 24 secs.

Speedy GAY PILOT (Vasant) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 19 secs. He is likely to trouble the best on Saturday.

VALIANT PRINCE (Vasant) moved in hand when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 7 secs.

MA MASSELLE (K. Hassan) beat RED BIRD (Khade) when concerned in a trial over six furlongs made in 1 min. 20½ secs.

TAN TRACK

THE CONQUEROR (Summer) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

DOORANI (Khade) was not pressed when covering a mile in 1 min. 56 secs. She does not appear to be ready yet.

SHAH NAWAZ (Roberts) impressively made a seven furlongs trip in 1 min. 37 secs.

BIG BLAZE (Chavan) covered the last five in 1 min. 7 secs.

GEORGIE (Uttam) moved at easy pace when covering the last five in 1 min. 8½ secs.

SOME TREASURE (Jagdesh) PARTING SUMMER (Uttam) and PANKAJ lay in the order mentioned at the end of a six furlongs gallop. Timing 1 min. 21½ secs.

EMBARKATION (Damodar) and MAH-I-NAU (Md. Khan) covered five furlongs in 1 min. 7 secs. Both lay in close order.

AARZU (Dashrat) disposed of YOUR MAJESTY (Khade) when travelling over four in 52 secs.

NICOTINE (Kheem) had the measure of BLUE ARROW (Rozario) when moving over six furlongs. The pair clocked 1 min. 23 secs.

PEPPERMINT (Hanuman) PRINCESS OF HINDUSTAN (R.B.) and PLUCKY PRINCESS (Bhoor) met their usual light exercise. They clocked 1 min. 24 secs.

SUMMER LIGHTNING (D'Monte) was speedier than GAY COUNT (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

GIPSY BILL (Md. Khan) moved like a winner in the company of RUSTOM (Guman) and recorded 1 min. 20 1-5 secs.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE (Damodar) and MY WILL (R.B.) covered the last four in 53 secs.

SHUBH LUXMI (Aurobinda) covered three furlongs in 37 secs. She is in fine fettle.

LOYAL PRINCE (Dashrat) covered the last three in 38½ secs.

STAR OF IRAN (Cunningham) spared a couple of lengths from MON AMI (R.B.) when covering the last four in 53½ secs.

BATTLE OUT (Mitchell) shaped better than QUEEN'S CUP (R.B.) when moving over the last four in 53 secs.

SHAH FREDOON (Sumer) covered the last three in 37½ secs.

ENGLAND WIN FIFTH TEST

Nourse's Surprise Declaration

PORT ELIZABETH, March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): England beat South Africa by three wickets in the fifth and final Test match here today and so won the series by two victories to zero with three matches left drawn.

All the thrills were carried into the last ninety minutes of the day's play as South Africa had declared their innings closed at 187 for three wickets. This left England needing to score 172 in 95 minutes to win as they had led by 16 runs on the first innings, and they scored 174 for seven wickets.

From the start they went for runs. Hutton and Washbrook scored 58 for the first wicket in 27 minutes and 100 was raised in 53 minutes.

Still needing eight runs with about five minutes left, Crapp hit 4, 2, 4 off successive balls from South Africa's Norman Mann and the match was won.

Today's win was as thrilling as that in the first Test, at Durban, where England won off the last ball.

Nourse could scarcely have expected his side to lose when he made his final gamble today for victory by declaring, but from the start England approached their task as though they were never in danger of defeat.

Naturally wickets fell as batsmen hit out and five were down for 125 runs.

SCORE-BOARD

SOUTH AFRICA (First Innings) 379

ENGLAND (First Innings) 395

SOUTH AFRICA (Second Innings)

Mitchell c Griffith b Bedser	.. 56
E. Rowan c Jenkins b Young	.. 37
J. Cheetham c Compton b Young	.. 18
A. D. Nourse not out	.. 30
W. Wade not out	.. 34
Extras	.. 12
Total (for 3 wickets)	.. 187

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 101; 2 for 101, 3 for 128.

ENGLAND (Second Innings)

Hutton st. Wade b Rowan	.. 32
Washbrook c Rowan b Mann	.. 40
Compton c Cheatham b Rowan	.. 42
Mann c Dawson b Mann	.. 2
Bedser c Nourse b Rowan	.. 1
Crapp not out	.. 26
Gladwin c Tuckett b Mann	.. 15
Griffith lbw b Mann	.. 0
Watkins not out	.. 5
Extras	.. 11
Total (for 7 wickets)	.. 174

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 58; 2 for 104; 3 for 124; 4 for 124; 5 for 125; 6 for 152; 7 for 153.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McCarthy	2	0	20	0
Tuckett	2	0	13	0
Rowan	10	0	65	3
Mann	9.7	0	65	4

Gladwin came in and hit a sixer of Mann but was then soon out. Grifith also went and seven wickets were down for 153.

Still England did not ease up and Crapp, with that final mighty hitting, finished matters off to give England their victory.

All batsmen deserved credit for their complete selflessness and once again showed themselves a team in every sense.

South Africa had lost golden opportunities in their second innings for Mitchell and Rowan took 85 minutes to score 58. The innings lasted 205 minutes when a faster rate of scoring would have allowed Nourse to declare earlier so that England might well have been beaten.

Dull cloudy weather was experienced when play began today but only five runs were added before England's last wicket fell and so a lead of sixteen runs was obtained on the first innings. Young was caught by McCarthy without scoring and the English Captain was left unbeaten with 136 tollies credit.

England did not seem to have a bowler capable of being deadly on a crumbling pitch and everything pointed to a time finish to the match.

The South African opening pair showed to hurry to score when opening the second innings, nearly three-quarters of an hour being taken to wipe off the arrears. Then Mitchell hit faster than Eric Rowan and scored 41 of the runs before lunch in 85 minutes.

Runs came quickly after the interval and for the first time in the series a South African opening stand reached the century mark.

At 101, however, both Mitchell and Rowan were out, Mitchell snicking a catch to the wicket-keeper and Rowan lofting one to mid-on.

Cheetham went after scoring 18 runs most of which came from a loose over by Compton and then Nourse and Wade carried the total to 187 by the tea interval.

England's bowling and fielding became somewhat ragged as the match proceeded to its inevitable draw.

To the surprise of everybody Nourse made the decision to close his innings at tea time and leave England 172 runs to get in 90 minutes. Nourse's only hope of drawing the rubber was of winning this final Test and he made a desperate gamble.

Englishmen went for the runs right from the start and did not allow any of the bowlers to bowl a maiden over. Indeed, such was the decisive nature of their quest for runs that although they had lost five wickets at one stage for 125 runs they persisted in attacking the bowling and won with them wickets and barely any time to spare.

FIRST ASIAN AQUACADE OPENS IN BOMBAY

Betty Slade's Spectacular Diving Exhibition

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The National School of Swimming sponsored Asian Aquacade of 1949, the first of its kind ever to be held in Asia opened this evening at the Victoria Swimming Bath before nearly five hundred enthusiastic spectators. Produced by the well-known Professional swimming champion, Johnny Johnson, the proceeds of the first night's takings are to be completely donated to a worthy cause—the Gujerat Famine Relief Fund.

The Aquacade opened with the cavalcade of swimming which brought forth the progress of swimming through the ages. One of the best items on the programme, the "Aquagraces" performed by eight lovely swimmers of the School was a delight to watch.

Undoubtedly the finest exhibition of diving one can ever get a chance to see was given by the well-known English Professional Diving "marvel" Miss Betty Slade, the challenger for the World Professional Diving Champion. Betty held the audience spell-bound with neatness of the various dives she performed first from the high spring-board and later on from the top spring-board. Executing some of the spectacular dives, like the Full Gainer, the Reverse Pike dive and the Flying one and a half Somersault from the high spring-board, and the back-somersault from the top spring-board, Betty was the centre of attraction in the Aquacade and will certainly draw large crowds, who will not miss a chance to see this champion diver among the women.

Betty Slade

Another interesting item on the programme—the Aquaballerinas—performed by two young swimmers Jayashree Mehta and Suniti Shirodkar attracted a lot of attention, but for poor playing of the spotlight this would have been appreciated much more.

The producer of the show, Johnnie Johnson delighted the audiences with his "Comedy Act", and when it came to serious performances, he also showed how good a performer he is.

Among the interested spectators were His Excellency Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, the Premier of the Province, Honourable Mr. B. G. Kher, and Honourable Mr. Morarji Desai, the Home Minister.

World 'Heavy' Title Fight

N.B.A. Agrees To Recognise Joe Louis' Promotion

PATERSON, (New Jersey), Mar. 9 (PTI-Reuter)—Joe Louis, the retired world heavyweight champion, will consider New York as a site or his world title fight between Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott in June, if New York will recognise the winner as world champion.

National Boxing Association champions are recognised in every State except New York and the N. B. A. have agreed to recognise Joe Louis' promotion as for the world's title "to avoid endless and pointless scramble", among would be successors to Louis

The N.B.A.'s agreement with Louis stipulates that the new champion shall meet the logical contender within three months

Bhopal Enter Semi-Final

NEW DELHI, March 9 (API.) The Bhopal XI beat the Services XI by two goals to nil in the quarterfinals of the National Hockey Championships held here this evening.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Procter "A" Lucky To Win

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Grey's "B" triumphed over St. Xavier's College "A" in the Junior Division of the Women's Hockey League on the Association ground this evening.

Later Procter "A" beat Lusitanians "A" by a solitary goal in the Senior Womens League.

On the Oval, City "B" beat St. Xavier's "B" by three goals to nil.

Due to some fine piece of goal-keeping by Miss Betty Farias St. Xavier's were lucky to find the score board register only five goals at the call of full time. Playing like an experienced goal-keeper Betty brought off as many as a dozen good saves.

St. Xavier's played two short and Grey's "B" scored in the tenth and twentieth minutes through Yvonne Carvalho. In the second period Yvonne Carvalho added her side the third goal and performed the hat-trick for the second time in this tournament, having scored another hat-trick against City "B" on Sunday. Thereafter Grey's "B" went ahead twice more through right inner, Miss Leatt-Hayther.

"LUSIES" BEATEN

Lusitanians "A" were beaten by Procter "A" by a solitary goal scored in the first half of play. This was a Senior Division game in the Women's League.

Lusitanians although they dominated play and were rather unlucky in the goal area and should have scored on more than three occasions.

Procter got the deciding and all-important goal through Joan Arklie, who was definitely outstanding in the forward line. Montes in Procter's goal saved well to keep a clean slate. The second half was without any score, but Lusies were fighting up to the last minute to equalize and they forced numerous corners, but without results.

PVM Women's Billiards Starts Today

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Women's Open Billiard Tournament run by the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana commences tomorrow on the P. V. M. Gymkhana table.

The DRAW is as follows:

Miss D. Billimoria (—30) bye; Miss Rhoda Shroff (+30) vs. "B" Player; Miss Coomi Adenvala (+60) vs. Miss Maki Canteenvala (+50); Mrs. Limbrey (+60) vs. Miss A. Banaji (+60); Mrs. Pathare vs. Miss Mary Chicngar; Miss Tehmi Wadia (+50) vs. Miss Nergish Arajanvala (+30); Miss Laxmi Merchant (scr.) vs. Miss Frenv Aarajanvala (+50); Mrs. Banubai F. Pudumji (—30) bye.

Thursday's Match

At 6-30 p.m. Miss Tehmi Wadia vs. Miss Arajanvala.

BOMBAY RACES

SPRING MEETING

2nd DAY—SATURDAY, 12th March

SPECIAL CHARITY MEETING

CHILDRENS APPEAL DAY TUESDAY, 15th March

DAY ENTRANCE

FIRST: Gents Rs. 5/8 Ladies Rs. 3/8 || SECOND: Rs. 3/8

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

The Bombay Chronicle

In truth, the great Elements we know of, are no mean comforters; the open sky sits upon our senses like a saphire crown; the air is our robe of state; the earth is our throne; and the sea a mighty minstrel playing before it.

—JOHN KEATS

FOREIGN RELATIONS

"You cannot be an independent nation and not have foreign relations", said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Indian Parliament. There could be no better and more succinct statement of the position that India faced on August 1947 and the decision she took. "What does Independent consist of? It consists basically and fundamentally of foreign relations. That is the test of Independence." It has been the characteristic of Dominion Status that the Dominion left the conduct of foreign affairs entirely in British hands, contenting itself with asserting a vague right to be consulted before being involved in war. It was this which distinguished a Dominion from a free nation and the general apathy of the public in the Dominion in foreign politics was the greatest hindrance in the way of the Commonwealth developing into a group of really independent nations. It was at one time felt that in order to bring about a union of equal nations it would be necessary for the more developed Dominions to become independent in the sense of cultivating an active and enlightened interest in foreign politics. Therefore, India on the achievement of Independence could have chosen no better way of declaring her intention to be a free, sovereign country than by establishing foreign relations effectively. It was an implementation of the Objectives Resolution of the Constituent Assembly and the Government of India must be congratulated on the imagination which led it adopt this step. In this perspective, the criticisms levelled at the Government for opening embassies abroad instead of concentrating on conditions at home are carping and pointless. They betray the colonial mentality which lingers very often after independence has been attained. Once this is clearly understood the question of expense and selection assumes a very insignificant place. It is obvious that, when things have to be done quickly, they do involve mistakes and do mean more expense—particularly when a vacuum has to be filled. But even here, the Prime Minister was quite clear that every precaution had been taken to see that the right man was chosen and that errors of judgment, though inevitable, could be corrected as soon as possible without injustice to the individual or disturbance to the offices abroad. On a subject like this, it is necessary that there should be considerable restraint. However wrong a selection might be, more harm is done by reckless criticism at home. Moreover, it must be remembered that an Indian representative abroad has to adjust himself in the context of India and of the country where he is posted, whilst the Indian critic sees only part—the Indian part—of the picture.

Pandit Jawaharlal referred to the purpose of India's interest in world politics as peace. It was with this end in view that the Government had steered clear-off all blocs and groups. The Prime Minister observed that this attitude had come to be appreciated by other nations. As a matter of fact, nothing has been so desired as a nation which stood aloof from United Nations partisans and upheld the principle of the international organisation, apart from particular interpretations, a nation that had no axe to grind—either its own or some other nation's. The ready response to the call of India for a conference on Indonesia was an indication that India's past conduct in international affairs had convinced others of her good faith and disinterestedness. It was against this background that Pandit Jawaharlal set the goal of Independence and freedom from any commitment with another nation which restricted initiative. The Prime Minister made a pointed reference here to India's becoming a republic naturally and inevitably in the next few months. Any structural link with other nations, he observed, will be within the scope of the U. N. Charter; ideologically, he applied the words of Gandhiji "we must not allow any wind from anywhere to sweep us off our feet". It was an apt description which conveys as nothing else could the spirit of independent thinking. What Pandit Jawaharlal pleaded for the shedding of the colonial outlook now that India had emerged from her status of dependence.

Glass Industry Of India

Inaugurating the annual session of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation at New Delhi the other day, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji, Minister for Industry and Supply, had certain refreshing remarks to make. Although he made these remarks with reference to the Glass industry, they have a wider bearing and deserve some attention. Every manufacturing country takes some pride in her manufactures and the industry, as well as the Government, of those countries pays a great deal of attention to quality. There is a constant attempt to improve the quality of the manufactures. It is gratifying to learn that, as far as the quantitative aspect is concerned, the annual output was 150,000 tons. Yet Indian glass manufactures are known only for their crudeness and shoddiness. Glass is needed not only for domestic purposes, but even more in the hospital, the laboratory and in industry. Indian products have nowhere reached the degree of strength and precision which is necessary for their use for medical and scientific purposes. Even in the domestic field they lack so much in finish and are so poor in quality that consumers demand foreign products. Dr. Mookerji pointed out that this had led to a demand that Government should encourage the import of certain varieties so that the consumer may not suffer. Poor polity also stands in the way of expanding exports. Indian glass manufactures had been exported to certain South-East Asian countries, where obviously even this quality of glass is marketable. Otherwise Indian goods had failed to capture any markets. Therefore, the Industries Minister asked the glass manufacturers to see how they could improve the quality of their manufactures. This is a piece of advice to which every manufacturer in India would do well to pay heed.

In this connection the Minister also referred to two cognate issues. One of these was the question of employment of technical personnel trained abroad at government expense. The present position is that these men either remain unemployed or inadequately employed. Asking the glass manufacturers to absorb such technical personnel Dr. Mookerji announced that Government would not send any more men abroad for training unless it could make sure that they would be absorbed by the industry in which they specialised. Secondly, he referred to the demand for the establishment of a laboratory for research in glass and ceramics. He told the manufacturers in a forthright manner, "It will not do for you to say that Government will spend 90 per cent and you will utilise 100 per cent of its benefits." In foreign countries, reputed industries run their own research department and research laboratories. Teams of research workers employed by private manufacturers have made no mean contribution to the advancement of science. It behoves Indian industrialists to give up their narrowly selfish attitude. The Government of India have already started a chain of institutions for technical research—at the cost of the general tax-payer—and Indian industries are bound to derive the greatest benefit from these. It is time that Indian manufacturers too displayed some enlightened self-interest, if not actually a spirit of self-sacrifice. After all, it is the conduct of the industrialists and the manner in which they run industry that is ultimately going to settle still unresolved issue of nationalisation. It is in their power to show that the interest of the country as well as the advancement of the particular industry is safe in private hands.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

PRAGUE, March 8.
The silence of M. Gottwald, Czechoslovakian President, is the talk of the State. He did not attend the anniversary celebrations of the Communists regime in Prague, and is known to have disagreed with M. Vyshinsky when they met in Karlsbad.
—UPI.

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Speaking in the Indian Parliament, the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said: "It would be the greatest tragedy if we exploit the name and prestige of our great leader, took shelter under it and denied in our hearts and activities the message that he has brought to this country and the world."

True. But according to some of us, what else are the name and prestige of our great leader for?

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The Railway strike is certain to fail, says Mr. B. G. Kher and it has certainly failed too.

The result inevitably is that, if workers have not responded to the call to strike, the failure—we say it on the prospective authority of the WFTU and Soviet representatives—proves that the regime in India is Fascist.

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Mr. Peter Alvares, assistant secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation says that, if any branch or section of organised railway labour ignored the Federation's call not to strike, that branch would be liable to expulsion.

But no leader or instigator of that branch should be liable to Government action.

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Speaking of Indian Embassies, their work and difficulties, Jawaharlal told Parliament that in Paris they had a succession of misfortunes in that they had no place to stay and they had to live in "undesirable quarters."

Where, where, where?

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Apropos of the report, that Sardar Mohammed Ibrahim Khan, President of the "Azad Kashmir" Government and his colleagues have submitted their resignations to Chaudhry Ghulam Abbas, President of the Muslim Conference, "informed circles" in New Delhi, says the U.P.I. suggest that the split between the two rival sections in the "Azad Kashmir" territory is a pointer to growing political and economic unrest in areas plundered and looted by tribal hordes.

But this implies that at least one of the two rival sections is actually interested in the people, doesn't it?

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LONDON: Top-ranking British Commonwealth Ministers and officials are flying to Dominion (India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand), capitals for urgent consultations on vital problems, which may include defence and the expansion of communism in South-East Asia.

Will they talk Indonesia too at the Dominion capitals?

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Mr. Mobarak Sagar, a fraternal delegate from West Punjab to the annual conference of the Socialist Party at Patna, is reported to have told the conference that he envied the Indian Socialist Party, as it was functioning without any serious hindrance, which could not be said of Pakistan.

True, quite true.

But it is outrageous too. Doesn't Mr. Mobarak Segar know that in Pakistan everybody is a Socialist? Also everything? Evidently he doesn't and the Pakistan authorities will have, when he returns home, to make him realise it.

CURE FOR INFANTILE DISEASES

Success Of Physiotherapy

BY L. D. MARTIN

Special physical medicine departments have existed for some time in hospitals all over the world. But it is to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, that the distinction belongs of having first used this combined method, comprising physical exercise, massage, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, and—last not least—physiotherapy, in the treatment of juvenile sufferers. It was not until recently that other institutes began to follow this example, and to profit by the experience of the pioneers of Great Ormond Street.

In a wing of the hospital specially equipped for the purpose, 16,000 children undergo physical treatment each year. Morning and afternoon, the scene in this section of the hospital is colourful and animated in the extreme. Children of both sexes between the ages of eight and twelve are seen using gaily painted gymnastic equipment, disporting themselves on ladders swings, and see-saws, and performing various kinds of health-promoting physical exercises. Very gently the timid ones are made acquainted with the use and peculiarities of each apparatus. As to electrical equipment for diathermic treatment and other purposes, that used is of diminutive proportions such as could not in any circumstances inspire fear in a child. As a result, many of the young patients, already technically minded, show a marked preference for the electrical equipment, and have to be warned by doctors and nurses that over-doses would be harmful.

CHEERFUL ATMOSPHERE.

In the bath-rooms, too, where athletic diversions of various kind are indulged in under expert supervision, the children enjoy themselves immensely. A swimming-bath, the construction of which was held up by the war, will shortly be available.

The cheerful and congenial atmosphere by which these young people are surrounded owes its origin to something more than the floral decorations, the extraordinary aquatic animals, the toys, games, and other attractions. The success of the treatment depends in a large measure on the precision with which each exercise is carried out, and on the degree of concentration that the patient is enabled to apply to it. To hold the interest of a sick child, ensuring that the child will go through the exercises in the correct way, is no easy matter.

Physiotherapy has been applied in the treatment of many different infantile diseases, such as asthma and other affections of the respiratory organs; nervous complaints, common in children after serious illnesses; postural deformities of every description. The method is effective also in mental cases, and spectacular cures have been achieved. Nervousness, self-consciousness, and other forms of neurosis have been successfully treated. In particular, the method has proved invaluable in dealing with the after-effects of infantile paralysis.

NURSE KELLY'S EXPERIMENT.

It is now many years since an English nurse on the staff of a children's hospital in the English country of Surrey developed a method—now world-famous—by which sufferers from infantile paralysis are eventually enabled to recover the use of their limbs. Nurse Kelly emphasises the importance of exercising the muscles during, and even in the first stages of, the disorder, if necessary by mechanical means. In the United States a special hospital was built for Nurse Kelly, with a view to testing and developing her methods. The experience gained in America is now being used, all over the world, for the benefit of those afflicted with infantile paralysis, and the results so far achieved show that these methods, in combination with Swedish gymnastics and the German Neumann-Neurode physical exercises for children, have made an important contribution to the successful application of physiotherapy in children's hospitals.

The visitor to the Physical Medicne Department of the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street is convinced from what he sees that the methods now being used will in most cases effect a permanent cure, thus enabling thousands of children to go out into the world in full possession of their physical and mental faculties.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

"Rationed Articles By Weighment"

Sir,—With reference to the notification by the Public Relation Officer (Rationing) in your issue of March 7 under the caption, I am sure that the average man will not agree to the new system introduced by the Government of Bombay to have the rationed article by weighment instead of the existing system which is not only quicker but also avoids chances for getting the articles short weight.

With the new system, there is a likelihood of more delay in getting rations, and also in short weight if the employees at the ration shops are to be quicker. If this is an experiment I hope it lasts for a very short while and is not forcibly introduced.

Will the Public Relation Officer explain who is to be benefited by this new scheme? Why should the Government not divert its attention to improve the quality of foodgrains?

Yours etc.
R. D. BUGWADIA.

SELLING NEW GUINEA TO JAPAN

CANBERRA, March 9, (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. Robert Menzies, Australian opposition leader, said today that neither the Government he led between 1939 and 1941 "nor a Government of any colour would ever permit such a crazy project" as selling New Guinea to Japan.

Mr. Menzies, who was commenting in the House of Representatives today on a cabled report that the late President Roosevelt before the war proposed selling New Guinea to Japan, added: "I never cease to marvel at the ingenuity of such people who invent such nonsense."

Mr. Joseph Chifley, Prime Minister, said: "Neither the Curtin Labour Government (which preceded the present Government nor this Government has had any consultations with anybody about the sale of New Guinea to Japan. There is no danger of such a transaction taking place".

Calcutta Secretariat Workers Stage Demonstration

CALCUTTA, March 9 (API.) About one hundred employees of the West Bengal Secretariat staged a demonstration at the writers building today shouting slogans demanding the release of their union leader, Bibhuti Das Gupta, who was arrested yesterday, and redressal of their grievances. The police arrived on the spot and ordered the demonstrators to disperse. Som of them left but others defied the order of the police, when the latter broke up the gathering. Three persons were arrested in this connection.

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIALIST PARTY

Jai Prakash Urges It Should Be Broad-Based

PATNA, March 9 (API): The delegates' session of the All-India Socialist Party today continued consideration of the draft constitution which was presented by Mr. Jai Prakasn Narain yesterday. Acharya Narendra Dev, Chairman of the conference presided.

The constitution was opposed by a Bombay delegate, Mr. Bapu Rao who said that the proposed constitution, if adopted, would allow people who might not be "class conscious" to be members of the party.

Replying to the criticism, Mr. Jai Prakash Narain said that he felt that membership of the party should be broad-based. The success of the British Labour Party was due to their membership being broad-based and including labour and middle classes. The history of the Congress was also similar. The Congress did not come to power through elections but by the suffering and sacrifice made by lakhs of people.

Mr. Madhu Limaye, Secretary of the Constitution Committee pleaded the draft constitution be accepted in order to turn the Socialist Party a mass organisation.

Pakistan National Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)
JUBBULPORE, (By Air Mail).

Haji Nazir Ahmad, a national of Pakistan, has been arrested by the Jubbulpore City Police, on the charge of staying in the Indian Dominion beyond the period mentioned in the permit issued by the Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan at Karachi.

GRAIN MERCHANT ARRESTED

Rai Saheb Sugan Chand Rathi, a grain merchant of Jubbulpore, has been convited and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 650 under the Food Grains Movement Control Order. Mr. Rathi had failed to maintain and submit the account of the pulses and "gajra" which he had had in his possession, and he was prosecuted by the Provincial Anti-Corruption Staff.

CEMENT SUPPLY POSITION

The supply position of cement having improved in Jubbulpore City which is now getting a regular quota of 400 tons per month from Kymore factory the authorities have relaxed the cement at a time to a customer without asking him to produce a permit for it.

C.P. BUDGET

The public has received with the spirit of resignation and despodency the budget estimate of the C.P. and Berar Government for the year 1949-50. The total revenue for 1949-50 has been estimated at Rs. 18,99,64,000 as against the estimated expenditure of Rs. 18,79,58,000. The surplus is estimated at Rs. 20,06,000. The people, instead of getting any relief have, further, been burdened with taxations which have come in the shape of "the revision of the Sales Tax by curtailing the exemption list. The people are feeling that the Provincial Government has hit the tax-payer where the Central Government has failed to assault. The revision of the Sales Tax and the levy of the Entertainments duty at a uniform rate of 50 per cent of the value of the ticket and of the electricity duty has smashed the very back-bone of the middle, lower middle and the poor class people. The cinema business is going to be affected very adversely in the Province as the result of the enhanced levy.

BOSE BACKS POLICY OF NEGOTIATION

Socialist Republicans To Contest Next Election

NEW DELHI, March 9 (API): Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, founder of the Socialist Republican Party, said in an interview here today that his party would contest the next election in all provinces.

Referring to Communist activities in India, Mr. Bose observed, there would be no place for Communism in India if progressive labour legislations based on Socialistic principles were courageously enforced.

As regards the Labour unrest, Mr. Bose said that under the prevailing conditions, workers should adopt the policy of negotiation. A strike should be reserved as the last weapon.

Our Orissa Letter

ADIBASI TERROR IN MAYURBHANJ

(From Our Correspondent).

CALCUTTA, (By Air Mail).

Harrowing tales of woe reach here from Mayurbhanj state where the Adibasis are up in arms against the Non-Adibasis whom they call Dikkus and against the Government. It is stated that they are not only carrying on a no-tax campaign and a non-co-operation movement against the authorities but also attack the non-Adibasi population of the Bamanghaty sub-division of the state where the latter are in a small minority.

In a recent police firing ten Adibasis were killed and several others were injured while the authorities have so far recovered three dead bodies of officers and others from jungles and hills, where the hillmibesmen have done those persons to death by piercing arrows into the bodies and cutting all over the bodies of the victims.

Several Congress workers are also reported to be missing and the lines of communications like road, telephones and telegraphs have been cut at many places and several houses burnt by the primitive classes of people in that area.

Refugees have been pouring into the sub-divisional headquarters of Bamanghati, near the boarder of Bihar province, where a recent constructed aerodrome made communication and despatch of essential personnel possible last week.

The Government of Orissa who recently announced several welfare schemes to put through in that area have since withdrawn all those measures besides imposing a collective fine of Rs. 1 lakh. The entire area where the recrudence of trouble started after a fortnight following the series of police firings during the first week of February, is reported to be terror-stricken although the provincial Government are reported to have taken all possible steps to check the rebillion.

AGRARIAN TROUBLES

While the shocking reports from Mayurbhanj are giving serious headache to the provincial Government, there are reports of agrarian troubles taking place in the districts of Puri and Ganjam. In the Pipli Thana of Puri district the tenants had served a notice on the District Magistrate that they would cut the standing paddy crops from the fields and deposit the crops with some impartial gentlemen until a settlement was reached between them and the landlords and accordingly they cut the crops without any interferance. In Badakhemidi Zamindary area a serious clash occurred between the supporters of the rival parties belonging to the Zamindar and the tenants. Arrest of Communists has increased again during the current week.

In a recent case of detection some prejudicial papers were seized from a constable; it is reported here, while a report from Bhadrak states that some dynamite sticks, belonging to Talcher mines were stolen from a railway wagon stationed there and an Anglo-Indian has been hauled up in this connection. These reports however are not as yet confirmed officially.

While the Orissa Government are busy in their own way to introduce their prohibition scheme vigorously in some parts of the province, the auction sales of the Arrack shops in Cuttack have shown that the bidders in the auction have offered twice and in some places thrice the price of the previous year, which is indicative of the fact that the moral standards of the people have gone to lower depths of degradation.

DISORDERS IN ARGENTINA ASSEMBLY

BUENOS AIRES, March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Opposition Radical Party last night tore up copies of President Juan Person's constitutional reform proposals, threw them at the Peronista benches and marched out of Argentina's Constituent Assembly in protest against the measure.

This followed a day of prolonged disorders in the Assembly.

The Radical leader, Moises Lebensohn, told the Assembly they were leaving because Peronista spokesmen in the Assembly had declared the reforms were 'designed only to enable President peron to be re-elected".

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Food Old And New

Following on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's recommendation that a mixture of 75 per cent wheat and 25 per cent sweet potato would make a delicious substitute for whole-wheat, it is reported that a Commitee is being set up to look into this question and to consider the possibilities of saving food imports. There is no necessity for an inquiry into this aspect although it would be useful to explore how far and in what time the food habits of a people can be changed. Food, it has been said, is the most conservative part of men's habits, and we are all more conservative in our habits than we are in our thoughts. To the man of cosmopolitan palate and elastic stomach, the attitude of the addict to iddli or puri might seem the worst bigotry. But Bacon has warned us that the worst revolutions are those of the belly—a warning that relates as much to palateability as to sufficiency. Apart from the question of personal taste, there are constitutions and constitutions. Aversions can be overcome by camouflaging the disliked article of diet but it is difficult to fool the stomach which can be fastidious and finicky. It is, however, necessary that we evolve a national diet if the unity of India is to be built on stable foundations. And, if the ingredients can be solely indigenous, all the better for our economy. This 25 per cent sweet potato can be a trying business. The hero of Wells' Tono-Bungay had an uncle who beginning with a mixture in which horse-radish was an imoprtant ingredient soon turned to putting out a patent which was all horse-radish. There are many slips between the ultimate consumer and the seller of wheat and sweet potatoes and it would be surprising if the 25 per cent remained 25 and did not enlarge into 40,50 and even 60 per cent.

Bao Dai-French "Agreement"

We wonder if, in the circumstances of today, the agreement between ex-Emperor Bao Dai and the French Government is not going to prove a case of the mountain having been in labour and produced an unacceptable mouse. The history of the post-war struggle in Indo-China for independence and freedom from French domination is a story of nationalist resurgence, French repression, Viet-Namese resistance, efforts of French imperialism to frustrate the freedom demand politically and Viet Namese reactions against them. In the result, the National temper grew more bitter and Communism found a favourable atmosphere in which to thrive and make rapid progress. Dr. Ho Chi Minh, though a Communist, had not introduced his Communist principles and objectives into the struggle for national freedom that he led. But French response was to offer and even seek to set up a Viet-Namese regime which was dubious even in the appearance of freedom and which positively denied that freedom in reality. The agreement with Bao Dai does concede some freedom but the conditions of Union preserve French domination over the freedom of Indo-China. The French would probably argue that the Communist crisis in South-East Asia and the spread of communism in Indo-China those reservations necessary and justifiable. But, how did Communism come to thrive in Indo-China? To foster the evil, which is what French policy did, and then to deny full freedom because of the existence of that evil is a perversion of logic. What is more, it won't succeed. We doubt if the Paris agreement is going to solve the Indo-Chinese problem satisfactorily.

Regrettable Soviet Policy

For some time past the Soviet line has been to criticise free India, to insinuate that behind the mask of freedom India remains virtually a British Imperialist possession and to question the democratic integrity of Indian leaders, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. This line has, of course, been adopted by other Communist followers, as for instance, in the World Federation of Trade Unions and in U. N. Organisations. The Indian Government is accused of all sorts of outrages against the people, workers and peasants of India including 'forced labour" and several other kinds of exploitation. We do not know whether this line has been adopted on the advice of Indian Communists or for some reasons. But we frankly deplore it. The Indian delegate in the Economic and Social Council, Mr. R. R. Saxena, has had to indulge in a bit of plain speaking in reply to insinuations and charges by the Soviet. These charges are about as absurd as anything can be. The world knows that and so does the Soviet Government. The Soviet Government knows also Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru too well to suspect that he could change from a democrat to a Fascist over night. But the point is not so much the obvious and utter falsity of charges as the conduct of the Soviet Union in preferring. Why does that country seek to malign and slander a friendly India and friendly Indian leaders?

The Lesson

The manner in which March 9, the day of the threatened disorders on the railways, has passed, is a lesson which will not be lost either on the Government or the people. Thanks to the precautions taken by the various administrations, there was complete peace. One of the railway unions had even withdrawn the strike notice it had earlier served on the railway. Thus by its very firmness, the Government has dispelled the Communist bogey. What has been done can be repeated—as often as the occasion demands it. While there is reason not to allow a complacent mood to overtake the nation, this fact in itself must go a long way to restoring public confidence and a great degree of normalcy. Credit is due too to the workers who showed a perfect understanding of the situation.

GOSSIP AT

I am very fond of sweetly-scented flowers in my garden and nothing gives me more pleasure than to put my nose into a pot of violets or a bunch of heliotroppe. Many flowers which open in the evening are more heavily scented during the hours of darkness when they are visited by the night-flying moths, and these I try to grow near my bedroom windows. First favourites, of course, is the Rat-ke-Rani, Queen of the Night, not for any beauty of flower, for the flowers are pale green in colour, and very insignificant, but the glorious scent that is wafted across the garden makes up for its lack of beauty in flower, and it flowers several times during the year. Another great favourite is the Chameli, with its thick clusters of snow-white, star-shaped flowers growing the length of the long twining stems. This also opens in the evening, but its flowers remain on the plant during the following day, to be replaced by new ones the next evening. I saw the Chameli growing wild the other day when motoring outside Bombay. It grew as it loves to grow, trailing unchecked over every bush and hedge, and for several hundred yards we passed between banks of what looked almost like snow, so thick were the flowers, while the air was laden with the heavy perfume.

D. R.

CHAMELI

M. L. A's DEMAND RADICAL CHANGE IN FOOD POLICY

Plea For Tightening Up Of Control Machinery

CIVIL SUPPLIES MINISTER ON CENTRAL QUOTA TO PROVINCE'S SUBSIDIES

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Tightening up of the present food control Machinery in the Province with a view to preventing the leakage of foodgrains into the black-market, increase in the present ration quantum and the introduction of a uniform and regular levy system were demanded by several speakers in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today when the House took up the demands for grants.

STRING OF CUT MOTIONS

Replying to a string of cut motions relating to the food policy, Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Civil Supplies Minister, revealed that Bombay would import 8,65,000 tons of foodgrains in the current year, of which about 4,50,000 tons would be allotted to the cities and the rest to rural areas.

He also disclosed Government's proposal to earmark a portion of receipts from the Export Tax to meet part of the subsidies on foodgrains.

The day's discussions started with a demand for grant, under the head "Miscellaneous", in respect of Rs. 5,24,-84,000, from Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Civil Supplies Minister, Government of Bombay.

HOUSING OF HARIJANS

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin moved a token cut in order to discuss the plans of the Government of Bombay to house the Harijan employees of Local Boards. Government have budgetted a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 for this purpose. The scheme consists of various types of Government assistance to Local Boards, Village Panchayats and Borough Municipalities, to implement Government's intentions in this behalf. Government would put at the disposal of these bodies free sites of land wherever it was possible or necessary, and contribute from 33⅓ to 50 per cent towards the total cost of construction. The services of Government engineers and experts would also be freely available.

Mr. Shamsuddin opposed the scheme as he thought that Local Boards were hardly in a position to build houses for their Harijan employees, despite Government help and subsidy, as they did not have the requisite financial competence.

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar opposed the cut and said that the scheme deserved to be expedited, for the living conditions of the Harijans were unwholesome even in modern cities like Bombay. He warned against the possibility of Local Bodies segregating such Harijan colonies.

Mr. G. W. Joshi said that the cut to oppose such a desirable and urgent scheme was "a sorry spectacle". It was high time that Local Bodies looked to the welfare of this class of employees.

Mr. L. M. Shrikant said that Government must give a directive to Local Bodies, along with a threat, to expedite the building of these houses on pain of their grants being cancelled or suspended.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar who also opposed the cut, expressed the fear that separate quarters for Harijans, might perpetuate their segregation in society.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Babubhai Patel felt that five lakhs was rather meagre and Government themselves could very well undertake financial responsibility for the entire plan.

Mr. M. A. Bhaiji supporting the cut, said that the housing shortage was not confined to Harijans alone; as a matter of fact, this was the problem of 75 per cent of the city dwellers. He wanted the scheme to be postponed, till inflationary tendencies were curbed, the financial position of Local Bodies improved and building materials were more readily available.

Dr. Hariprasad Desai, Mr. C. A. Vyas, Mr. K. B. Dundur, Mr. P. B. Dabhi, Mr. G. W. Momin and Mr. A. H. Mirza also opposed the cut.

Replying to the debate, Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, said that "no more cynical subject" could have been selected for a cut motion, and that the order of priorities accepted by Government included essential social welfare services like the present scheme. The Minister made it clear that the scheme would not lead to the segregation of Harijans.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

FOOD SUBSIDIES

Mr. Bhaiji moved a cut in the voted demand for Rs. 4,12,60,700 for the Civil Supplies Department in order to discuss food subsidies in the Province.

He felt that this large amount benefited only four towns in the Province, Bombay, Poona, Sholapur and Ahmedabad, and not the rural areas. If this was the position, it was an improper procedure. Since these cities were not only a part of the Province, but also a part of India, some portion of the burden must be borne by the Government of India.

The Civil Supplies Minister, disclosed that the total subsidies in the Province amounted to about Rs. 16 crores, of which, the Central Government contributed 12 crores. Food subsidies were not confined to the four towns mentioned, but reached all rural areas.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar said that the Bombay Government should bring pressure on the Government of India to enforce rigid rationing in surplus provinces like C. P., U. P., and Behar, so that there could be even supplies throughout the country and the need to buy from foreign countries at prohibitive prices could be obviated.

The Civil Supplies Minister in his reply said that the Bombay Government had pointed out at the Supplies Ministers' Conference that there was no equality of sacrifice and that commodities controlled in Bombay were not even controlled in certain provinces. Also the system of compulsory levy was not enforced in certain places.

Regarding food subsidies, the Centre had agreed to give only three-fourths of the total cost of subsidies since last year. In the last Finance Ministers' Conference, it was agreed that Bombay must tax its exports. This had now been done and the amount now expected to be realised would partly meet the four crores which would be spent on food subsidies.

The Minister revealed that Bombay would import 8,65,000 tons of foodgrains in the current year of which, only 4,50,000 tons were earmarked for the cities. The rest would go to rural areas.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

FOOD POLICY CRITICISED

Mr. Bhaiji, moving a cut motion to discuss Government's food control policy, criticised the inefficiency of the present control machinery to prevent foodgrains from disappearing into the black-market. The very fact that any quantity of foodgrains could be purchased in the black-market showed that there was a potential reserve which had not been tapped by Government. He urged the increase of the present inadequate ration quantum and strengthening the procurement machinery.

On a cut motion criticising Government's levy system Mr. R. S. Gavale complained of discrimination in prices given to peasants in Maharashtra, Karnatak and Gujarat. He said that peasants in Gujarat were paid higher procurement prices than those in the other two parts. Further, Gujarat peasants were given better transport facilities and were supplied with improved manure.

VAGARIES AND ANOMALIES

Mr. S. L. Karandikar moved a token cut to discuss the vagaries and anomalies of the system of food supply in the districts. He regretted that Government were not able until now to introduce a uniform and regular procurement system.

Mr. Ahmed A. Patel moving another cut motion urged Government not to follow the food policy chalked out by the old Government, but to make radical change in it. As far as possible, districts and villages should be asked to depend on their resources, especially in respect of those food grains which were produced there.

Mr. Lallubhai M. Patel, opposing all the cut motions, defended Government's policy of giving higher prices to peasants in Gujarat. He said that in Gujarat the standard of living was higher than that in Maharashtra and Karnatak and further the cost of agricultural operations there was also comparatively higher.

The Food Minister had not replied to these cut motions when the House adjourned to meet tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT GRANT TO BHONSALA MILITARY SCHOOL

The Hon. Prime Minister, Shri B.G. Kher and the Home Minister Shri. Morarji Desai deserve thanks of the Governing Body of the Bhonsala Military School Nasik and the public for their sanctioning a special non-recurring grant of Rs. 30,000 says the General Secretary of the Bhonsala Military School in a statement to the Press. He further says that the Government will nominate two members on the Managing Committee of the School who will have major powers of control and guidance. The annual deficit of the School is nearly Rs. 30,000 and Mr. Kayande appeals to the public to support the School with substantial donations to provide the much needed accommodation for the staff and another batch of 100 students and to ensure other necessary improvements to make it an Ideal Patriotic Military School.

FRENCH STEAMER ON FIRE

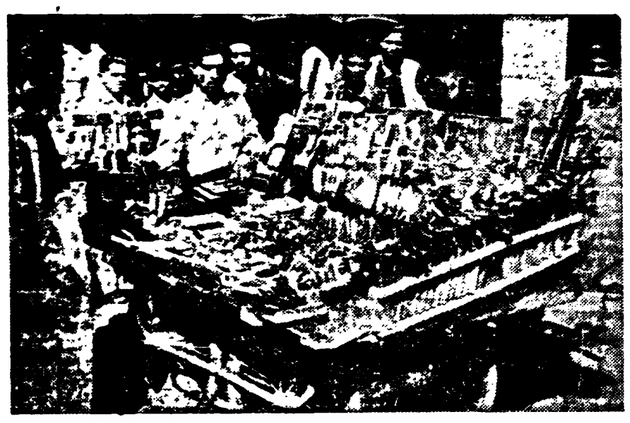
LONDON, March 8 (PTI-Reuter): The French 9,000-ton steamer Bir Nakeim, carrying a quantity of military explosives, has arrived at Aden with a fire in one of her holds, Lloyds reported today.

Fire is also suspected in a second hold.

The vessel has been ordered by the Port authorities to move outside the harbour as a safety measure. She is on her way from Havre to Saigon and Sydney.

DACCA, March 8. (API)—The Government of East Bengal have set up a High-Power Committee of 15 members for reform and standardisation of the Bengali language. The Committee will "consider the question of simplification. Reform and standardisation of the language of the people of East Bengal (Bengali) including grammar, spelling etc., and make recommendations".

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



53. The "Null Bazar-Walla"

He is popularly known as the "Null Bazar-Walla" because his predecessors in the trade had their headquarters in Null Bazar. Today however, he does not believe in attachments to one locality because it pays him to be on the move in all seasons. He has to find new clients every day because most of his wares last long. He is often called the "maker of a parlour" because his mobile store has an assortment of screws, drivers, borers, brackets, mirrors that can fit up a commoner's parlour. He also deals in implements of destruction —hack saw, hammer, chisel. He can equally be a breaker of the drawing room His ingenuity lies in packing the maximum wares in minimum space. The improvised godown at the bottom of the push-cart carries surplus stocks and a lunch basket which he opens in the shade of a tree after a long trek. In war years, his wares were mostly Indian—made. He boosted them as the world's best. Now he has tin-openers from England and America. He sells them as unbreakable and the world's best.

POSITION OF PRESS UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION

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casting, Government of India, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, joined the meeting. Welcoming Mr. Diwakar, the President stated that his appointment as Minister for Information and Broadcasting had given them all satisfaction, as he had been a newspaperman himself. He had no doubt that Mr. Diwakar would be of great help to the Conference.

Mr. Diwakar, replying, said that he himself had started as a journalist and that he realised the difficulties under which they laboured. He pointed out that the Press and Government had a common objective in building up a Democratic Secular State and checking disruptive activities.

Mr. Diwakar impressed Government's appreciation of the readiness of the Press in promoting harmony between India and Pakistan.

PRESS INSTITUTE

Referring to the proposed International Institute of Press and Information, he appealed to the Conference to take the initiative and form a National Committee. The Government would try and give every facility.

As regards the position of the Press under the new constitution, he wanted the Committee to realise that the relevant clauses had already been passed. If they felt the clauses should be amended, he would advise them to prepare their case and discuss it with the Drafting Committee and he felt that there should be no difficulty in incorporating a suitable reference in the constitution at the final stage if it was thought disirable.

There was a short discussion on the points covered by the minister.

SCURRILOUS WRITINGS

In the afternoon, the Committee discussed the growing tendency in parts of the country to indulge in offensive and objectionable writings and passed the following resolution:

"The Standing Committee endorses the public statement recently made at Madras by the President of the AINEC., Mr. Devdas Gandhi, deploring the growth of unrestricted scurrilous writings in a section of the Press. The Committee is of opinion that the object of such writings generally is to give vent to malice, distort facts and indulge in mud-slinging and the publications concerned forfeit the right to receive the normal privileges that belong to the press. In order to discourage such writings, the Committee advises the provincial branches of the AINEC and the Provincial Advisory Committees to give their continuous attention to this matter and to adopt such measures against the offending journals as may lie in their power and to support authority in any appropriate action it may find it necessary to take against them".

INTER-DOMINION RELATIONS

The Committee also endorsed the President's appeal to the Press in India requesting its co-operation with the Press Consultative Committee set up under the Inter-Dominion Agreement in regard to the maintenance of harmony between India and Pakistan and in particular to refrain from comments and publication of news likely to inflame communal passions or disturb Inter-Dominion relations.

It was decided to hold the next annual session of the Conference on May 20th, 21st and 22nd 1949.

The proprietors of "Janmabhoomi" and "Bombay Chronicle" entertained the Committee to lunch, at which Mr. R. R. Diwakar was the guest of honour.

DEVADAS "AT HOME" TO REUTER DELEGATION

BOMBAY, March 9.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, was "at home" this evening to Lord Layton, Leader and other members of the Reuter Goodwill Delegation to India.

A large and distinguished gathering was present on the occasion.

CALCUTTA, March 8 (API).—General K. M. Cariappa, India's Commander-in-Chief who arrived in Calcutta yesterday left for Shillong this morning.

SOVIET U. N. STAFF MEMBER ARRESTED

Charge Of Espionage

LAKE SUCCESS, March 7—A Soviet national employed by the United Nations is under suspension from his duties pending investigation of charges of conspiracy to commit espionage brought against him and a woman employee of the U. S. Government.

The pair, Valentin Gubitchev and Miss Judith Coplon, were arrested in New York Friday night and arraigned in a Federal court Saturday.

In accordance with U. N. staff regulations U. N. Secretary General Lie ordered Gubitchev's immediate suspension on hearing of the charges.

A member of the U. N. staff since 1946, at the time of his arrest Gubitchev was with the engineering saff of the headquarters planning office. Miss Coplon was with the U.S. Justice Department's Criminal Division.

Justice department officials said the Federal agents found typewritten summaries of confidential documents in Miss Coplon's purse when she was picked up. She had been followed from Washington and was arrested on a bus in mid-town New York after meeting Gubitchev. Department officials added that she had been under close investigation for some time as a result of a routine Federal employees' loyalty check which had disclosed "suspected affiliations" and previous clandestine meetings with Gubitchev.

In Washington, Saturday, Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin called on U.S. Under-Secretary of State James Webb and asked Gubitchev's release. He was informed that the State Department is continuing to examine the matter in consultation with U.N. and Justice Department authorities.

Prior to his U. N. post, Gugitchev served with the Soviet Foreign Ministry. Previous to that he was deputy chief of the technical department of the Urals Construction Trust and a student at the Moscow School of Construction. He is in his early thirties.

In August 1948 Gubitchev signed a two-year contact with the United Nations.

Miss Coplon, 27 has been a Justice Department employee since 1943. Justice Department officials classified her as an "analyst" and her job was said to be "minor". While refusing to disclose the exact nature of the documents found in Miss Coplon's possession at the time of her arrest the Department said that for some time it had "insured against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the Department"

Pt. Baleshwardyalu's Health Causes Concern

(From Our Correspondent).

UJJAIN, March 7.—More than 20 lakhs Bhils and Kisans of Madhyabharat and Rajasthan seem to be perturbed with the news of the deteriorating health of their beloved leader Pt. Baleshwardyalu, founder of the Rajasthan Bhil Sewak Sangh Bamnia. Some workers who had gone to see him at Tonk Jail have returned. The workers have reported that Pt. Baleshwardyalu was arrested at Udaipur and was kept hungry for 48 hours and afterwards was removed to Tonk Jail for detention.

He is growing weak, failing in eye sight and suffering from sciatica.

A.I. SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

The All-India Spiritual Conference under the auspices of the Kalpawriksha Karyalaya and the founder of the institution Dr. Durgashanker Nagar will be held here on the 30th, 31st March and 1st and 2nd April, 1949, on the holy banks of the river Shipra.

MADHYABHARAT PLEADERS CONFERENCE

The first Madhyabharat Pleaders Conference will be held here on the 12th and 13th March. Dr. Rajendraprasad who is attending the Rau Conference of the All-India Sarvodaya Samaj, has been requested to inaugurate this first session of the Madhyabharat Pleaders Conference.

Mr. G. P. Hirvey, ex-member Judicial Committee and Postmaster General of the Gwalior State, has resigned and returned here to commence his practice as a leading pleader of Malwa.

U.N. REJECTS SOVIET MOVE TO CENSURE INDIA

Saksena Denies Trade Union Infringements

LAKE, SUCCESS, March 8, (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Economic and Social Council today rejected by 13 to 3 with abstentions, a Soviet motion condemning India and a number of Middle Eastern & Latin American countries for alleged trade union infringements the Council passed a New Zealand motion referring the whole question of Trade Union rights to the International Labour organisatoin.

OUTRAGEOUS

Soviet charges against India in regard to trade union activities were described as "outrageous" by Mr. R. R. Saksena of India, when he addressed the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations here today

Earlier the American Delegate had described the recent allegation of the Communist dominited World Federation of Trade Unions against India, Greece and Chile as "propaganda" and suggested that the International Labour Office should be invited to carry out an investigation in all countries.

Supporting this, Mr. Saksena said "the Soviet Delegate has seen fit to include India among countries alleged to have taken legislative administrative and other measures in violation of the United Nations Charter.

PROTECTION OF CITIZENS

"The Government of India have done nothing which can be even remotely construed as a violation of these rights" Mr. Saksena said. "It must however, be recognised that trade unions do not enjoy anything in the nature of an immunity or privilege in the matter of compliance with the requirements of law and order and the security of the country, and that if some of their members indulge in activity which is subversive in law and order proper measures have to be taken to protect the ordinary citizens.'

"We cannot allow fomenters of trouble, irrespective of the organisation to which they belong, to encourage in activities designed to overthrow by violent and unconstitutional means, the Government established by law, to undermine and disrupt the economic life of the country and to produce conditions which would result in chaos and confusion.

"The Government of India intends despite the fulmination of outside agencies, to discharge in full, the fundamental obligation of a state to protect its people against attempts to disrupt the stability of the country and against incitement to violence and mob rule.

"I would like to remind the Soviet delegates that Ministers in the Government of India and the Provincial Governments starting from our Prime Minister downwards have been associated with the Trade Union movement in my country since its very inception and the welfare of the workers has and continues to be a matter of very deep concern to them.

"It is outrageous to suggest that men with this record of service for the workers would now be guilty of infringement of Trade Union rights and of persecution of labour.

"In my country a large majority of Trade Union workers are wholeheartedly in sympathy with the Government of the country. But a small section has chosen to follow a different path and their unlawful and subversive activities have been such that the popularly elected Government has been compelled, in defence of the common rights of the people to take action."

Mr. Saksena concluded by supporting the United States proposals to let the International Organisation study the matter.

CHECKING "RED" ACTIVITIES IN U. S.

Two Bills Introduced In Congress

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (PTI-Reuter)—Two Bills were introduced in Congress today to force Communists and Communist-led organisations to register with the United States Government. The aim is to spotlight its members and activities.

Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican, Michigan) introduced a Bill in the Senate to set up a three-man board, to determine in open hearings when an organisation must register with the Attorney General, identify its members, and explain its propaganda activities.

Senator Karl Mundt (Republican) and Representative Richard Nixon (Republican, Californnia) introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives a revised version of ther anti-Communist Bill of last year.

3,000 CHINESE REDS REPULSED

Clash With Govt. Forces 30 Miles From Nanking

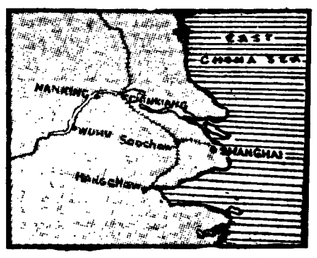
NANKING, March 9. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Government and Communist troops were reported fighting only 30 miles away today as Government bodies in Nanking worked on a peace formula to end China's civil war.

Telephone messages from the Yangtse crossing place of Chinkiang, 30 miles east of Nanking, said 3,000 Communists attacking Lincheng on the opposite bank with artillery support were repulsed, leaving behind 400 dead and wounded.

KU MENG-YU TO FORM CABINET

NANKING, March 9. (PTI-Reuter)—General Li Tsung-Jen, Acting Chinese President, will entrust the formation of a new Government to Dr. Ku Meng-Yu, a former Deputy Premier, General Ho Ying-Chin, former Defence Minister or Marshal Yen Hsi-Shan, Deputy Commander-in-Chief North China sources close to the President said today.

Dr. Sun Fo resigned as Chinese Prime Minister yesterday. He had held office since last November.



Reds massing on the Yangtse are attacking the area contained within the three points, Nanking, Chunkiang and Wuhu.

SHANGHAI REBELS CAPTURE YENKI

SHANGHAI, March 9. (PTI-Reuter)—About 10,000 Rebels have captured the arsenal town Yenki in West Hunan, Southern China, and are attacking Yuanling according to Chinese reports here today.

The two towns are amongst the largest in West Hunan.

The Rebels, who are helped by army deserters, have been attempting for three weeks to overthrow the provincial Government of General Cheng Chien, it was learned.

The Rebels are said to desire political and economic reforms.

MOST COMMUNIST TROOPS LEAVE PEIPING

SHANGHAI, March 9. (U.P.A.): Telephone reports from Peiping today said most of the Communist troops have left the city, the conditions are quiet and foreigners are being treated impersonally.

NEW YORK, March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A "flying zoo" of 133 assorted animals from Singapore and Bangkok landed at New York today.

MAKING KOREA "U. S. COLONY"

Soviet Reactions To U. S Foreign Policy

LONDON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): A Moscow radio commentator speaking on the present visit to Moscow of a north Korean Government delegation, headed by Prime Minister Kimir Sen, said today that the Americans were trying to convert south Korea "into an American colony and a military outpost of the United States in the Far East."

The commentator added that while at the end of 1948 the Soviet Union withdrew its troops from Korea the United States "continues to keep its troops there, in defiance of the will of the Korean people."

"Even the report of the notorious United Nations Committee on Korea testifies to the fact that 30,000 patriots are in prison in south Korea. This is 10,000 more than were in prison throughout the country during Japanese rule".

But, he said, in north Korea power is in the hands of the people.

Teheran Warns Soviet Journalist

TEHERAN, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): The Persian Government today warned Mr. Novochathy, correspondent here for Tass, the official Soviet news agency, to "cease transmitting tendentious news threatening the country's security" on pain of expulsion.

The Government would order his expulsion under a clause in the International Telegram Convention, invoked last year when Mr. Alfred Holland, correspondent of the times, was expelled, an announcement said.

U. S. SENATE APPROVES NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

WASHINGTON, March 8. (PTI-Reuter)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave informal approval today to the final draft of the North Atlantic pact.

Senator Tom Conally (Democrat Texas) Chairman of the Committee, said the treaty would be signed by the member nations in about a fortnight and the text would be made public at that time.

"In general, I may say, as far as we are concerned, all the work has been done", he added.

The Committee had met Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, for almost three hours in closed session for an "informal talk" about the pact.

Senator Walter George, Democrat, of Georgia, a leading member of the Committee, said that the wording of the proposed Pact would create a moral obligation for the United States but would leave it free to determine its action in the event of any aggression.

BANGALORE, March 9. (API)—The National Chemical Laboratory to be located in Poona will be functioning early in 1950, said Prof. T. A. McBain of the Stanford University of California, U.S.A. who has been appointed Director of the Laboratory for a period of three years from October last year.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, March 9.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. D. P. Dhupkar and Mr. M. V. Jayakar.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Victoria Swimming Bath, Back Bay to attend the Asian Aquacade.

Rani Maharaj Sigh received Mrs. G. V. Kitson.

Lord Layton, Mr. R. A. G. Henderson, Mr. Malcolm Graham and Mr. C. J. Chancellor have arrived.

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MR. M. P. PATIL

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, will leave Bombay for Surat on Saturday, March 12, by Gujarat Mail, on a tour of the scarcity areas of the district. He will also inaugurate the Village Workers' Training Class at Bhimpore on Sunday. The Minister will return to Bombay on Monday, March 14 by the same train.

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GENERAL CARIAPPA

GAUHATI, March 9. (A.P.I.): India's Commander-in-Chief, General Cariappa, accompanied by Lt.-General Thakur Nathu Singh, G.O.C.-in-C., Easter Command, arrived here from Calcutta this morning by air on a two-day vit to Assam.

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MR. AGNIBHOJ FOR ROME

NAGPUR, March 9. (A.P.I.): Mr. Rameshwar Agnibhoj, Minister for Public Works, (Central Provinces), and leader of the Indian delegation to the second session of the Industrial Coomsecond session of the Industrial Command Public Works of the International Labour Organisation, left today by air for Bombay en route to Rome to attend the session of the Industrial Committee.

D. D. FOR REV. PRAKASAM

SPRINGFIELD (OHIO), March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Reverend E. Prakasam, President of three church bodies in India, will receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wittemberg College at a special convocation here on March 14.

SYRIA TURNS DOWN INVITATION

RHODES, March 8. (UPA)—Syria has turned down an invitation of acting United Nations Palestine Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche to negotiate armistice with Israel, reliable quarters said tonight.

This development, these sources said, placed he current Israeli-Lebanese talks in a "delicate position" since Syria and Lebanon normally coordinate their diplomatic actions and since Syrian soldiers are presently based on Lebanese soil.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Transjordan delegations reportedly met separately with Bunche today to discuss demarcation lines on the approaches of Jerusalem. This area includes Viel, Ratun and Babelwad, strategic points along the main highway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Informed quarters said that it still was not clear whether the Transjordan delegation had been authorised to discuss Iraqi-held areas in Palestine. Israeli delegation said that until this point was clarified the delegations could discuss only areas where Arab forces definitely were under Transjordan command.

The first such area discussed today was the 12-mile stretch running roughly between Beit, Nabala, Latrun and Babelwad. The Transjordan delegation was reported to have said that they could discuss the so-called Arab triangle but had not produced any documents from Iraq granting them the authority.

The triangle is in the area between Nablus, Kenin and Tulkarm.

Informed quarters said that the Transjordan delegation thus far had avoided committing itself on any issue without checking with Amman by cable or courier. This caused considerable delays and the Israel's were reported to be growing highly impatient of the procedure. United Nations officials were also reported to be dissatisfied with Transjordan's methods of negotiation which indicated that they had not been allowed the liberty to act within the "normal limits expected of an armistice delegation".

I. L. O. COMMITTEE ON INLAND TRANSPORT

NEW DELHI, March 9, (API):—The third session of the I.L.O. Industrial Committee on Inland Transport will open in Brussels on May 17 this year. India has also been invited to send a delegation.

The delegation may include two Government representatives and two representatives each of the employers' and workers' organisations, having a substantial number of members in the industry concerned.

A Press Note issued by the Ministry of Labour states: "All organisations of employers and workers desirous of sending delegates may send the names, qualifications and complete addresses of their representatives, along with the names and membership of their constituent units in the industry concerned to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Labour, New Delhi by April 10."

Nehru At Bhubaneshwar

BHUBANESWAR, March 9 (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and Countess Mountbatten arrived here today on a two-day visit. Lady Pamela Mountbatten, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mrs. Hutheesingh and Miss Rita Pandit also accompanied the party.

Pandit Nehru and party went to the Mukteswar Rajrani temple and then visited the site of Orissa's new capital.

As Pandit Nehru is on a holiday trip, no public function has been arranged during his stay here.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, March 9.

Steady conditions continued to prevail at the local Stock Exchange. The general tendency of the market was slightly hesitant and subdued, and traders preferred not to go in or fresh commitments till the decision about the steel prices was known. The prices moved within a very narrow range of fluctuations, with higher levels attracting scattered realising.

Tata Steel Deferreds opened quietly steady at Rs. 1,653-8, and in the absence of any bull support, steadily declined to Rs. 1,645 and ultimately hovered around Rs. 1,647-8. Ordinaries oscillated between Rs. 291 and Rs. 292-8.

Textiles were quietly steady, activity having slackened, particularly during the middle of the session. Bombay Dyeing came to business at Rs. 938-12 in the initial stage, but thereafter lost Rs. 3 for want of any support. Scattered buying steadied the scrip at this level. Kohinoors, Nagpurs, Simplex and Swadeshis lost two points each after opening at Rs. 291, Rs. 240, Rs. 183-8 and Rs. 279 respectively.

Banks and Insurance showed practically no activity.

In the miscellaneous section Scindia further dwindled down to Rs. 17-13 after opening two annas higher. Cement was steady at Rs. 151. Premier Construction changed hands at Rs. 117-12 after opening at Rs. 119-8, but gradually improved to Rs. 118-8 under fresh support.

Securities were easy, with sellers predominating. The 3 per cent Conversion Loan of 1966 was quoted at Rs. 96-14-3.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (12)	940 0
Kohinoor Mills (6)	289 8
Swadeshi Mills (22)	281 8
Central India Mills (4)	240 8
Simplex Mill (8)	183 0
New Great Eastern (10)	161 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	172 8
Gokak Mill (20)	289 0
Century Spining (15)	261 4
Colaba (12)	154 8
India Bleaching (6)	154 0
Swan Mills (20)	323 0
Finlay Mills (15)	278 0
Morarji Gokuldas XD	453 8
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	235 0
Meyer (12) XD	108 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 6
Indian United Defd. (1-10)	1 10 3
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	11 0 6
Madhusudan Mills (15) XD	175 0
Podar (8)	142 8
Khatau Makanji (8)	202 8
Indore Coupon	84 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	292 4
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1655 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 7-8)	138 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	150 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	278 12
Belapur Sugar (9)	212 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	30 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	17 13
Premier Construction	119 0
Tata Chemical	12 10
Tata Oil (2)	65 4
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 1
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20 15
British India Corp. (0-14)	8 10
E. Copper	2 2 6
Wimco AR	189 6
Alcock	273 12
Belapur Coupon	84 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (50)	1530 0
Andhra Valley (45)	1436 0
Tata Hydro	153 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	206 4
India Manufacturing	—
Kooria Mills (8)	120 0
New City Mills 10)	198 2
Minerva	122 8
Bradbury	587 8
Bharat Mills (2)	23 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 12
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madavji Dharmsi (0-12)	14 4
Model Mills (12-8)	182 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	600 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	208 12
Western India ((40)	4970 0
Standard (15)	245 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (08)	10 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225 0
Tata Mills (3)	59 8
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	258 12
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 12
New Union Mills (0-8)	12 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	100 0
Berar Mills	280 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land oCupon	42 0
New Great	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	129 4
Ahmedabad New	18 8
Surat Electricity (2-8)	147 8
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricy (0-8	10 9
Amagamated	12 8
Nagpur Electricy (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	150 0
Bombay Suburban (3)	161 14
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1880 0
Imperial Bank of India P.M. 6-12)	460 0
Central Bank	87 8
Central Bank New (1-8)	86 0
Bank of India (4) XR	198 8
Union (0-8)	7 12
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	141 12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (1-8)	57 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) X.D.	4200 0
Empire (10)	675 0
New India (1-8)	61 8
Jupiter (1-4)	18 8
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	39 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B.I.G. (1)	18 8
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All-India General	15 2
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	112 0
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	337 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	106 14
Burma Petrol	1 10 9
Mackenzie (6)	88 0
Port Canning (3)	62 12
Kemp and Co. (30)	420 0
Kemp and Co. (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	91 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 4
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	197 8
Supreme India X.R.	0 0 0
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	152 8
Associated Cement New (1-4)	144 4
United Motor	70 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	650 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	188 12
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 4
Tata Power (7-8)	1245 0
Hydro Electric (7)	124 6
Bombay Steamer (8)	306 8
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	633 12
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premied Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4	102 8
Amalgamated (5-8)	122 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	131 14
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 8
Morarji	106 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 10
New Victoria Mill	2 8
New Victoria Mill (Pref.)	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	120 0
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	135 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	300 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	240 0
Air Service XR	7 8
Air India	100 0
Hind Motor	4 13
India Steam	6 6

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
BOMBAY, March 9.

Quotations at 2-0o p.m.:—
Tata Ordinary 292/4; Tata Deferred 1647/8; Indian Iron 24/2; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/15; Bombay Dyeing 938/12; Central India 240; Gokak 287/8. Kohinoor 280/6, Simplex 182/12; Swadeshi 281/4; Tata Power 1530. Associated Cement 150/10; Belapur 217 8; Bombay Burma (Old) 277/6; Scindia 17/13; Central Bank 87/8; New India 61/8; Tata 2nd Pref. 138/2.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 9.

A slightly easy tone was evident in the ready section of the local bullion market today. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 136-4 after opening at Rs. 188. Ready Gold declined to Rs. 116 after opening a few annas higher.

Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 75.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 9.

Deadlock in the forward section of the local cotton market stil contunues. Though the market was officially open no business was transacted on the forward side. May delivery was nominally quoted at Rs. 620.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 834 below New York May delivery at exi change rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA MARKAT.
ALEXANDRIA, March 8.

KARNAK May ..... 81.40—112
KARNAK Nov. ..... 68.03— 92
ASHMOUNI April ..... 51.62—36
ASHMOUNI Oct. ..... 51.60—35

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY March 9:

The produce marked opened quiet and ruled steady with moderate fluctuations. Groundnuts maintained the previous day's gains. Castorseeds May delivery opened at previous closing level of Rs. 134-12 and finished four annas higher.

Following were the closing quotations.

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality	38 14 0
Coromandal	38 0 0
Bold ready	37 14 0
Bold Feb.-March	37 10 0
Bold April-May	37 14 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
May delivery	135 0 0
Ready	27 4 0
LINSEEDS—	
Ready	28 10 0
Feb.-March	28 10 0
April-May	23 10 0
GROUNDNUT OILS—	
Ready receipts	21 0 0
March	21 1 0
April	21 2 0
Linseed Oil	17 8 0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19 0 0
Castor seed oil commercial quality	17 8 0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 9 (A.P.I.): The share market ruled steady and unchanged and only a moderate business was put through. Following are today's final transactions.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three Per Cent Loan 1986, 98/15, Three Per Cent Loan 1951/54 101/9, Three Per Cent Loan 1959/61 101/- S Lot Three Per Cent Loan 1963/65 100/7, Three Per Cent Loan 1966/68 100/2, Three Per Cent Loan 1970/75 100/1.

BANKS: Bharat Bank 3/14.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/8, New Victoria Ord. 2/8.

COALS: Bengal 438/- ex.-div., Burrakur 13/2, Central India 5/6, Equitable 37/8, Raneegunge 12/8, Searsole 7/-, West Jamuria 28/10.

JUTES: Agarpara 23/2, Budge Budge 190/4, Cheviot Pref. 155/-, Kelvin 300/-.

MININGS: Burma Corp. 2/10, Consolidated Tin 1/-, Indian Copper 2/3, Tavoy Tin annas 12.

MISCELLNEOUS: Indian Iron and Steel 23/15, Kumardhubi Eng. 8/10, Marshalls 6/- National Iron and Steel 6/1, Saran Eng. 7/12, Steel Corp. 20/11, BIC 8/12, Jardine Henderson 163/- British Burma Petrol 1/10, Titaghur Paper 35/15, Midnapore zemindary 71/- India General Navgn. 98/-, India Steamship 8/9.

SUGARS: Balrampure 8/6, Belsund 4/1, Cawnpore 26/6, Darbhanga 11/- Ramugger Cane 17/-.

TEAS: Central Cachar 119/-, Hundeecherra 14/8, Dhelakhat 13/8, Tezpore 21/8, Tprrihannah 30/-, Tukvar 11/4.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, March 8.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	30
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	105-5/8
Funding Loan 4 p p.c. 1960/90	114-3/4
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. and after	103-7/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	103-1/2
National Bank of India	39-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,603

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 9.

MILLS
Apollo 2-15 2-15-8
B. Dyeing 938/12 35/10 40 38/12 40
C. India 240 39 40/8
Century 260 61/4
Colaba 154 54/8
E. Textiles 235
Elphinstone Pref. 117/8
Finlay 279 77 78
Gokak 286 85-8 89
I. U. Defd. 1-10 1-10-3 1-10 1-10-3
I.U. Ord. 11-1 11 11-1 11-0-6
Kohinoor 291 87-8 89-8 89 89-2
Laxmi 600
Indore 172-8
Madhusudan 175
Meyer 108-12
New Great 162 61
Podar 142-8
Simplex 183-8 84 81 83
Swadeshi 282 79 81-8
Swan 323
Tata Mills 59-8
Vishnu 210 8-12
C.P. Rly. 111

STEAMER
B. Steam 337-8
Scindia 17-15 17-13 17-14-6 17-13 17-14

BANKS
Central 87 87-8
Central A New 86
Imperial Old 1872-8 80
Imperial New 460
India 196-8
Union 7-15
U. Commercial 56-12 57

ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 129-6 28-12 29-8
Andhra Valley 1435
Suburban 161-14
Hydro 153 53-8
Power 1530

INSURANCE
I. Mercantile 39
New India 61-8

STEEL
B. Steel 20-15 20-14 20-15
I. Iron 24 23-15 24-2 24 24-1
Tata Defd. 1652/-8 45 50 47-8 55
Tata Ord. 292-8 91 92-8 92-4
Tata 1st Pref. 183-12 88-12
Tata 2nd Pref. 138-8

MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 273-12
A.C.C. Old 151 50-4 50-8
A.C.C. New 144 44-4
Belapur 215-8 15 16
B.B. Old 278-12 77-8 78-12
B.B. New 106-14
Petrol 1-11 1-10-6
B.I.C. 8-10
I. Bleaching 154
I. Copper 2-3-6 2-2-8
Kemp Co. 420
I.I. Trust 91-8
Port Canning 62-12
P. Const. 119-8 17-12 19
Shivrajpur 30 30-8
Tata Chem. 12-11 12-12 12-10
Tata Pref. 131-14
Tata Oil 65 65-4
Wimco 190 89-6

SPECIAL
Ahmedabad Elec. New 18-14 18-8

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

Following is he statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department, as on March 4 last.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	159,28,46,000
(2) Other Governments	46,95,70,000
(b) Banks	55,89,20,000
(c) Others	66,83,70,000
Bills Payable	3,24,68,000
Other Liabilities	14,89,88,000
Rupees	356,91,62,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	13,60,59,000
Rupee Coin	5,25,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,52,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	35,83,000
(b) External	.....
(c) Government Treasurp Bills	1,86,89,000
Balances held abroad	219,62,74,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	41,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	5,34,50,000
Investments	111,49,42,000
Other Assets	4,12,88,000
Rupees	306,91,62,000

Following is the accounts for the week ended March 4.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	13,60,59,000
Notes in circulation	1172,37,83,000
Total Notes issued	1185,98,42,000
Total Liabilities	1185,98,42,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	40,01,71,000
(b) Held outside India	.....
Foreign Securities	741,61,84,000
TOTAL OF A	781,63,55,000
B. Rupee Coin	41,90,10,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	362,44,77,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	.....
Total Assets	1185,98,42,000

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 9.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th 9th Month.
New York and Montreal B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060.
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D D. Fl. 79.
Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D D Fcs. 1305.
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 165 1/4.
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bankok Cross Rate Tcl. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16; London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.
London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Dists. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.
Tone:—In demand.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, March 8.

American Telephone and Telegraph	148-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	32-1/8
Chase National Bank	36
Sinclair Oil	21-1/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	49-1/8
General Electric Co	37
General Motors	58-7/8
Ingersol Rand	61
International Nickel	28-1/2
National City Bank of New York	39-7/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/8
Texas Corporation	52-5/8
Union Carbide	38-1/2
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	48
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	72
Western Union Telegraph	14-5/8

NEW YORK SILVER.
NEW YORK, March 8.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 9.

S.S. CARBONELLO

From Genoa: 190 cases rayon yarn, 60 cases red Vermouth, 40 cases electric machinery, 63 bales cotton yarn, 54 bales hose for trailer pump, 11 cases art silk piecegoods, 101 cases art silk yarn and 127 cases old steel files.

From Leghorn: 50 cases travelling rugs, 23,900 pieces marble tiles, 400 bags marble chips, 850 pieces marble table tops, 81 cases marble slabs and 283 cases nickle silver circles.

From Bari: 9,370 bundles shelled almonds and 700 bundles unshelled a-monds.

From Alexandria: 1.216 bales Egyptian cotton.

EXPORTS

S.S. KHANDALA

To Mombasa: 10 bales cotton waste —Jani & Co. 300 cases hair oil and 200 cases castor oil—The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd. 25 crates glass globes—Nandalal & Co.

To Dar-es-Salaam: 7 bales cotton waste—Pandya & Co.

S.S. JALA PAWAHAR

To London: 123 bags gum karaya—Chulal Bhogilal.

To Liverpool: 61 bags gum karaya —Chunilal Bhogilal.

To Manchester: 100 bales cotton waste—L. G. Vora.

CITY OF WORCESTOR

To Liverpool: 5 bales tanned goatskins—Indian Goatskin Corporation, Ltd.

S.S. FIRDOUSA

To Colombo: 15 bales cotton waste —Jani & Co. and 125 bags empty glass bottles—Central Bottle Trading Co.

S.S. FLYING TRADER

To Hongkong: 25 bales cotton waste—Sumon & Co."

S.S. NETRAVATI

To Karachi: 70 packages printed books—H. S. Hoosein. 5 cases cutlery G. Rasul & Co. 40 cases marking ink Associated Cement Co., Ltd. 17 bags jagree powder—J. Pitambardas. 15 bags Fuller's Earth—Abdul Satar Tayeb. 20 jottas slate pens—Gujerat Slate Co. 15 bags tamarind seed powder—R. Chaturbhuj and 152 cases coal tar dyes—Amritlal & Co., Ltd.

BY AIR

To Karachi:— 20 Parcels Pure Silk Embroidery— M. P. Reshamwalla.

S. S. DARA

To Karachi:— 16 cts. Toilet Powder and 9 cts. Hindustan snow Universal Perfume Works.

To Kuwait:— 100 Bales Cassia Bignea—Mulji Ratansi & Co., 18 Pkgs. Small Tools—Anglo Iranian Oil Co. (India) Ltd., 19 cts. Cotton Bandages Surgical Dressing—H. Essa & Bros., 6 cts. Rubber Baloons—Abdulla Al-Ahmed.

To Bahrein:— 8 cts. Mass Wine—S. S. Miranda Ltd.

To Basrah:— 261 cts. Ground nut oil—C. Ujamshbhai.

S. S. HOEGH SILVERBEAM

To Colombo:— 205 cts. Points—F. F. Campbell & Co. Ltd.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

"S. S. LILAVATI" arrived from Jaygad on March 9 with 156 deck passengers (Bombay Steam).

"S. S. SAN F. ZAVIER" arrived from Dabhol on March 8 with 269 passengers (S.S. & Co.)

"S. S. HIRAVATI" arrived from Panjim on March 9 with 1029 passengers (B. S. Co.).

"HAINAN" arrived from Gothenburg on March 8 with 6424 tons of General cargo (United Liner Agencies).

"DUMRA' arrived from Basrah on March 9 with 1300 tons of cargo (M.M.)

"INDIAN ENDEAVOUR" arrived from Antwerp on March 9 with 4725 tons of general cargo. (Lionel Edwards).

"BARJORA" arrived from Karachi on March 9 with 2631 tons of general cargo (M.M.).

"Hason" arrived from Kuwait on March 9.

DEPARTURE

"S. S. LILAVATI" sailed for Jaygad on March 9 with 458 deck passengers.

"PRESIDENT PORK" sailed for New York on March 9 with passengers and general cargo.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 8 (PTI-Reuter).

The market was again quiet though the initial irregularity was replaced by a steadier tendency with the trade again moderate purchasers of oldcrops. Export possibilities were still the main market support. Subsequently, prrices moved narrowly lacking stimulation. The market continued to move narrowly in the afternoon, sagging occasionally on spasmodic offerings, though finally rallying quietly, chiefly on trade buying which was purely associated with either the present or prospective export business. The former is believed to me partly on French accounts. The market closed steady with sales estimated at 90,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 8.

March	32 42
May	32,24
July	31.13
October	28.19
Middling Spot	33.62

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 8.

March bid	32.30
May	32,14
July	31.06
October	28.14
Middling Spot	32.50

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Increased profit-taking and other offerings handicapped efforts to extend yesterday's late rally The market fluctuated irregularly with changes ranging to around one point and and gains slightly in majority. Selected aircrafts, airlines motors, containers, and chemicals were among the improvers in expanded activity. The averages were Industrials 176.08 and Rails 48.39. Although activity slackened in the afternoon the market showed no material deviation from the earlier trading pattern. The market closed irregular with no particular changes in final dealings.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHIGACO, Mar. 8 (PTI-Reuter).

The market fluctuated irregularly in quieter dealings with hedge pressure and scattered commission house selling counteracting shortcovering and buying by commercial dealers. A part of the demand was based on an additional sale of cash grain to the Government and the sale of one million bushels of number one hard winter wheat to Mexico overnight. Towards the close, increased offerings caried all deliveries of wheat and the near deliveries of maize into new low ground for the day.

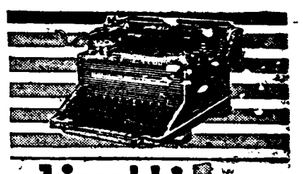
LONDON WHEAT.
London, March 8

Australian Wheat (new crop) 96 Mar.-Apl

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, March 8

T. T. London on:—
New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

MADRAS, March 7 (UPI): The Government of India has accorded sanction for starting four more sugar mills in Madras province. Madras had obtained a licence from the Central Government to start seven vegetable ghee factories in addition to the two already existing.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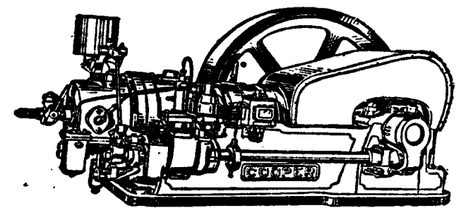
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The Company does not bind itself to continue the employment of those who have been guilty of misconduct.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1949.

E. R. SCHAEFER,
Managing Director

DEMAND FOR ENQUIRY INTO TAXATION STRUCTURE

Essuffally Mahomedally's Address To Indian Industries Association

Addressing the Association of Indian Industries on Wednesday, Mr. Essuffaly Mahomedally, President of the Association said:

Since we met last there has been a welcome change in the outlook for industry. The assurances given by the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister have largely dispelled most of the apprehensions entertained by industrialists and investors as regards the nationalization of industries. The budget proposals of the Finance Minister as well as the assurance given by him for further reduction of taxation on industry in the coming years reflect the growing realization by Government of the need for adapting the taxation policy so as to stimulate the industrial development of the country.

An assurance has been given by the Commerce Minister that necessary adjustments will be made in the Open General Licence and the liberal import policy if the present high level of import continues for a few months more. I further reliably learn that the Government have agreed to place under Open General Licence a number of accessories and processing materials required for industry.

All these indicate that the Government are becoming more and more realistic in their approach towards economic problems and that the difference in outlook between the Government and the enlightened sections of the industrial and business community are gradually narrowing down. If this continues, I am sure, the country will tide over the economic crisis in which it is in at present.

ENQUIRY INTO TAXATION STRUCTURE

Our Association has all along been stressing for the removal of existing inter-provincial barriers of taxation such as Town Duties, and Sales Tax which are hampering industries and weakening their competitive capacity. Most of the Provincial Governments have now resorted to sales tax for obtaining fresh funds. A number of commodities of daily use have been brought under the operation of this tax. The consumption of electricity has also come in for fresh taxation.

It is, therefore, imperative to see that the cumulative effect to various taxes, Central and Provincial, do not raise the level of prices all round and push up the cost of living still further. Co-ordination between the Centre and the Provinces is also required to ensure that the same commodity is not subjected to multiple taxation by different authorities. There is an urgent need, therefore, for a thorough enquiry into the whole taxation structure of the country.

Apart from the very high level of direct taxation prevailing in our country, another factor which is cutting down the capital of industry is inflation. Even in a country like England where the rise in cost is not so high as in India, the Federation of British Industries had to make a representation to the Chancellor of Exchequer urging for undertaking an enquiry into the possibility of calculating profits on a basis which will take into account the changes in the value of money. If this is ture in the case of England it is more so in the case of India where inflation is more acute.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Another subject I would like to refer on this occasion is Foreign Capital as the Government are expected to clarify their attitude shortly. In view of India's vast requirements of capital goods, machinery and tools for the rapid industrialization of the country and also in view of the decline in hard currency earnings in recent months, foreign capital, particularly dollars will have to be acquired. The main question is in what way it should be obtained. My personal opinion is that it should be acquired as far as possible in the form of a loan on equitable terms either through Government or private channels.

INDO-PAKISTAN TRADE RELATIONS

We are gratified to see that Government of India have lifted the control on export of some commodities to Pakistan as an experimental measure. But high customs barriers are still preventing the free flow of commodities between the two countries. I earnestly appeal to both the Governments to immediately negotiate and arrive at a mutually beneficial trade agreement as had been done by the two sovereign states of U.S.A. and Canada.

Mr. B. S. Dabke, the vice-President of the association associated with Mr. Mahomedally in saying that the Taxation Bill needs a sweeping revision to protect the industries specially the cotton industry.

He also referred to pegging of wages saying that "though the war is over, war conditions are still lingering".

Concluding Mr. Dabke said: "I appeal to industrialists and Labour to extend their full co-operation to Government in the difficult days ahead".

RAILWAY STRIKE COMPLETELY FIZZLES OUT

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as usual. "If there was anything to note in his attitude it was his determination to see that there was no strike on this day", he added.

TRIUMPH OF DEMOCRATIC WILL

Mr. Alvares said: "The credit is due entirely to railwaymen who gave evidence of discipline and unity worthy of their organisation, the A.I.R.F., and of the implicit faith in its leadership. Railwaymen have met the Communist challenge squarely and well.

"Their appreciation of the situation and their disciplined front against disruption augurs well for the political future of the country. It is a triumph of the democratic will".

GUJARAT NORMAL

SURAT, March 9. (A.P.I.): A gangman belonging to the Rajpipla Railway was arrested this morning on charge of having instigated workers to go on strike, according to a report received here.

Telephonic enquiries at Broach and other junctions showed that everything was normal on Broach-Jambusar and the Dabhoi sections of the G.B.S. Railway.

CALCUTTA POLICE OPEN FIRE

CALCUTTA, March 9. (API).—Some bombs were thrown into Jorabagan police station compound in Calcutta this morning by some youngmen and the police had to fire ten rounds to disperse the crowd. No casualities were reported. Bombs and hand-grenades were also thrown inside the compound of the BNR Head Office in Kidderpore area, but here also there were no casualties.

Large batches of Congress volunteers as well as leading Congressmen toured areas of the City to ensure that no untoward incidents occurred. Large scale precautions were also taken by the Government.

In spite of the threat of a strike by a section of workers, the situation was normal to-day on the Sealdah and Howrah sections of the East Indian Railway.

Train services have not, so far, been affected in any way.

STRIKE NOTICE WITHDRAWN

CUTTACK, March 9. (API) — The strike notice served by the B. N. Railway Workers Union has now been withdrawn, according to a report received here today from Khargpur.

There is, therefore, no question of strike as far as the B. N. Railway is concerned.

IN C. P.

NAGPUR, March 9. (API): Trains are running to normal schedule within the C. P. area and there was no stoppage of work anywhere, according to informations received at the G.I.P. and B.N.R. Headquarters at Nagpur.

Official reports received in Nagpur indicate perfect normal condition on both the railway systems.

IN BIHAR

PATNA, March 9, (API):— Enquiries made in official quarters show that there has been no attempt at strike in the railways running in the province. Precautions are however being maintained.

IN EAST PUNJAB

JULLUNDUR, March 9. (API):—Enquiries made here this afternoon showed that train services had not been affected anywhere in East Punjab.

At Jullundur, which is a junction for more than half a dozen branch and main lines, the trains arrived and left according to schedule.

IN MADRAS

MADRAS, March 9, (API):—There is no indication of strike any where on the South Indian Railway so far and the entire system is working perfectly normal.

Announcing this the Public Relations Officer, M and S M and South Indian Railways, Madras, said that the Railway Administration had not received any intimation from the communist-led Labour Union about its intention to postpone the strike up to midnight of the 14th instant reported last evening.

IN EAST BENGAL

DACCA, March 9, (API):— The threatened strike by the workers of the Eastern Bengal Railway, did not materialise and all train services on the Eastern Bengal Railway system are stated to be functioning normally.

Enquiries made from railway authorities at Dacca this morning reveal that the situation is quite normal on both broad and meter gauge systems of the railways.

Several arrests are reported to have been made by the railway police as a precautionery measure and no incident "worth mentioning" has yet been reported.

IN ASSAM

GAUHATI, March 9, (API):— All trains are running according to schedule on the entire Assam Railway and there has been no stoppage of work in any section, according to reports received here.

C.I.D. FOIL SABOTAGE PLOT

Swoop On Red Centres And Arrest 12 Persons

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A concerted plan for multi-pronged sabotage in Greater Bombay, was, it is stated, frustrated by the Special Branch of the Bombay C.I.D., who raided the secret rendezvous of the plotters in the early hours of the morning, today, and arrested 12 persons including Prof. G. K. Joshi of the Topiwalla College, Mulund, and two office-bearers of the Girni Kamgar Union.

The Police who had kept a strong vigil on certain Communist hide-outs in the city had advance information that a well-laid plot to create chaos in the city was afoot and was to be given finishing touches, before dawn today.

Accordingly, Deputy Commissioner Moray accompanied by Superintendents Deshpande and Sattam and a party of constables under Inspector Sawant, proceeded to an obscure spot in the city—the sweepers' colony at Arthur Road, where the plot was, it is learnt, already hatched and last minute instructions were being issued to a select batch of Communist workers.

NOT TOO SOON

The Police, it is learnt, arrived on the scene not a whit too soon, as it is said from the blue prints they seized when they raided the ramshackle room, showed that a large-scale plan of action had been chalked out and had they gone there a little later the saboteurs might have been well on their way.

The plan which was nipped in the bud the Police claim was to attack Police officers and constables and raid police armouries, snatch rifles and revolvers from officers and otherwise force the Police to fire on mischief-makers, so that workers would protest against the Police firings.

To give additional effect to the latter part of the plot, it is learnt, the organisers had kept ready lorry-loads of objectionable pamphlets to be distributed among the public, specially among workers.

The Special Branch also made a similar swoop on another Communist "den" in the city and arrested eight persons, who, it is learnt, were plotting to commit acts of sabotage on the railways.

All the arrested persons are now detained under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act.

Yesterday the Special Branch, it is stated, arrested 16 leading Communist workers among whom were Mrs. Ranadive and Mrs. Adhikari, who were organising a similar propaganda move to bring out workers from the Mills.

'QUAKE SHOCK AT BANARAS

BANARAS, March 8 (UPI).—An earthquake shock of mild intensity rocked Banaras shortly after midnight yesterday. The tremor lasted for a few seconds.

No loss of life or property has been reported.

Programme Of Industrialisation Not Abandoned

Australia Denies Soviet Charges

LAKE SUCCESS, March 8 (PTI-Reuter)—Australia today denied Soviet charges that the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East had abandoned its programme of industrialisation.

Mr. D. Munro, the Australian delegate, told the United Nations Economic Committee that the Commission had given "considerable attention to agricultural productivity."

He added: "The area is primarily a food producing one but, nevertheless, is a net importer of foodstuffs. It is a somewhat paradoxical situation and is indicative of a fundamental problem."

Industrial development of Asia and the Far East called for "long term co-operation between the East and West, despite the limitations set by shortages of foreign exchange and capital equipment throughout the world.

"The Commission has showed a strong desire to translate principles into effective action and to proceed with the practical tasks in an endeavour to promote recovery and development.

"We must take into consideration the great size and population of the area, the scarcity and uneven quality of statistical data and the shortage of trained and experienced personnel," Mr. Munro said.

He supported the Commission's decision to admit the Republic of Indonesia as an associate member.

The Economic Committee unanimously approved the Commission's request to give Nepal associate membership on the Commission.

It is also recommended the Republic of Southern Korea for associate membership, despite the Soviet, Polish and Byelo-Russian objections.

The interim reports of the Economic Commissions for Europe and Latin America were unanimously approved and they have now gone to the Economic and Social Council for final approval.

INDIAN REFUGEES IN INSEIN

RANGOON, March 9 (P.T.I.-Reuter): About 3,000 Indian refugees in the Insein area near Rangoon are still here awaiting repatriation, an Indian Embassy spokesman stated today.

Over 2,000 Indians have been repatriated in the past two weeks, the spokesman added.

Meanwhile 1,000 Indians were today reported to be safe in the Delta rice port of Bassein where conditions were said to have returned to normal.

Trains Delayed At Mehsana

BARODA, March 9. (API)—A couple of hours' detention of the Gaekwar's Baroda State Railway trains leaving Mehsana this morning was caused because certain traffic staff, including cabinmen of the B.B. & C.I. Railway, had downed tools, according to information received by the G.B.S. Railway authorities here. The B.B. and C.I. Railway, however, managed to pilot the trains later with substitute staff.

Mehsana is a junction of the B.B. and C.I. meter gauge line and G.B.S. Railway and it is worked by the B.B. and C.I. Railway staff.

SOME ARRESTED

Some persons were taken into custody in connection with this morning's strike by Railway staff at Mehsana, it is learnt.

The situation is improving, said a message received at about 2 p.m.

RELIEVING STATION MASTER ARRESTED

CALICUT, March 9 (A.P.I.): A report from Shoranur says that the relieving station master there was arrested by the police today under Sec. 151 Cr. P. C. as a security measure.

Elsewhere in Malabar, three arrests were made, bringing the number of arrests of Communist railway workers to 85 since the roundup began two weeks ago.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 9.

Previous closing	32.24
Today's opening	32.26
Difference	+2
Today's closing	32.22
Difference	—2

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, March 9.

Silver Bullion ready	Rs.	186 8
Gold ready	Rs.	116 0
Sovereign	Rs.	74 10
EXPECTATION:		
Cotton Jarila May	Rs.	624 0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 9.

Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper mining 32.1/8.
General Motors 58-1/2,
United States Steel common unquoted,
United States Steel preference 136-1/2.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 9 (P.T.I-Reuter): Britains budget day draws nearer. The event has already cast its shadow over the London Stock Markets and fading hopes of tax reliefs continues to bring in sellers. Prices today showed irregular movements and with gains and losses small the trend was mainly to lower levels. There was, however, a slight technical rally on some peak coverings.

Tobaccos, building and store shares were in small demand. The undertone generally remains soft and pessimism as to the future course continues.

Oils opened dull but showed scattered improvements following small support.

The Gilt-Edged section was steady and featureless.

Slight dullness was uppermost in foreign rails, brazilians were fractionally lower but the foreign bond section remained steady in idleness.

Today was voting day in South African provincial elections and Kaffirs were quietly firm with dealers awaiting results.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, March 9 (API.) On the local market bank shares were colourless except for a slight drop in Travancore Banks.

Rubber shares eased further but there was good support for selected tea shares.

Textiles continued to maintain a steady front with buyers for Madura Pankajas and Radhakrishnas.

The market closed steady.

Following are today's quotations:—

Tea Per cent paper 98/7 Do 1986 98/14 Do 1970/75 100 Government of Travancore loan 1962/64 101/14 Government of Madras loan 1960 100,1.

BANKS: Travancore 17,4.

PLANTINGS: Balmadpes 1/4 Blue Mountain 2,6/6 Chambra 4/10 Cochin Malabar 4 Devashola 10/2 Midland 4/12 Nellampathy 1,5 Ouchterlony 5/12 Pullangode 20/15 Thirumbadi 22/3 T B and to Co 5/10 Vaikundam 7/2.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 1755 Do Pref 193 Cambodia 9/2 Coimbtore Cm 111/8 Do Pioneer 112/4 Do Spg 6/8 Lakshmi 63 8 Madura 243/12 Mettur 305 Radharishna 138/8 Rajalakshmi 4, Ranga Vilas 45.8 Trav Rayons 3/12 Vasanth 103.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64 India Cement 17/8 Mettur Chem 7/6 Do Pref 106 Mysore Chem Fert 7 Mettur Chem 7/6.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 9.

Surat in Arvind was the main feature today on buying Bombay operators. On Calico bears attempts to hammer prices were frustrated on continuous buying by bulls together with some investment inquiry.

It is authentically learnt that the plan for the silk mill on behalf on Calico Company is complete and Sheth Ambika or his representative is shortly leaving for America for necessary machinery and equipments.

General trend is constructive and investors appear to enter in market at declines.

Calico opened 1183, lowest 1180, highest and closed 1186.

Arvind opened 1464, lowest 1448, highest 1974, closed 1472. (Some setter prefer to switch over their investments from Ambika to Calico at a ratio of three to one) Deffered opened 1648, lowest 1640, highest 1651, closed 1650

Closing quotation: Arvind 472, Ambika 390, Calico 1186, Atul 60, Deffered 1650, Rohit 120, Ashok 645, Maneklal Harilal 417-8-0, Sarasput 570, Bulakhidas 135, New National 3964.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARAHI, March 9.

Cotton ready Roller Ginned Sind Nt 92, Punjab 289-F 95, Lss 88, Fourt 84/8, market steadily held with spot turnover totalling 2100 bales principally Nt and 289-F for which good enquir from Bombay exporters.

Arrivals from upcountry 5850 exports 700 bales, for Calcutta. Market awaiting Governments policy about shipperswise export licences for second half of season commenced first March. Understand established shippers will be given preferential treatment over new comers.

Cottonseeds Nt ready 8'10/ April 8/12/6. Steady on good enquiry and larger shipments which lesterday totalled 8445 bags all for Indian ports.

Gold 108/8, sovereigns 69, Silver 135 Market inactive.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Mohammadi Steamship ordinary 100, Orient airways 13/8, Valika textiles 89, Government three per cent 1960 loan 101/2. Little trading interest.

CALICUT MARKET

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALICUT, March 9.

Coirparn Beypore 133/145, Quilandy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Cocoanuts Raw 165, Dry 145 170, Cocoanutoil 595, Copra Office 400, Dilpasand 410, Madrasnottam 430, Pepper Wynaad 1450, Country 1430, Dryginger Chernad 800, Ernad 750, Coffee Robusta 150, Timber Pali 50/60, Junglewood 32/8/37/8, Vellapine 65/75, Bentzak 50/55, Teak 90/125, Mango 3/3 4, Teak 20 25, Rosewood 20/22/8.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, March 9.

Rajkot Silver Fagan 187/4/0, Rajkot Aranda May 135 1/6, Rajkot Sugar Chaitra 90/14/0, Jamnagar Silver Fagan 184/14 0, Jamnagar Aranda May 134/15'0, Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28/9/0, Wadhwan Sugar Veeshkh 16,0/0.

STERLING AREA AND JAPAN

Trade Conference On March 17

TOKYO, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): A Sterling Area Trade Conference will open here on March 17 between representatives of the foreign trade division of the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, and the signatories of the Sterling Area Trade Agreement.

This agreement, signed last November, was between Australia, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Britain and its colonies, except Hongkong, on the one side, and the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan acting in respect of occupied Japan, on the other. It provided for trade exchanges to the value of at least £ 55,000,000 in the year ending June 30, 1949.

British observers in Tokyo said today the conference, initially at least, would only review past trade and they knew nothing of a 300,000,000 dollar figure recently mentioned in Washington.

CALL FOR MORE TRADE EXPECTED

The observers said it was safe to assume, however, that the next agreement would call for more trade between the sterling area and Japan.

These observers discounted other recent reports that Japanese textiles had been undercutting British textiles on the world markets. "If there have been any protests they must have been anticipatory", the British officials said.

Although they agreed that Japanese prices had not yet been reduced to undercutting level, both British and American private traders foresaw such a development in the future.

CLAIM FOR REPARATIONS

THE HAGUE, March 8, (PTI-Reuter): India suggested today that, if the United Nations was ruled competent to claim against a nation where one of its staff was killed or injured the victim's own country should be a partner to the claim. The suggestion was made when the Court of International Justice resumed consideration of a United Nations request for a ruling, whether the organisation had power to bring an international claim for reparations in such a case.

The United Nations sought an advisory opinion, after payng compensation for the death of Count Bernadotte, Swedish Mediator, and other officials killed or wounded in Palestine last year. China considered that the United Nations as a legal entity should have power to bring an international claim but special arrangements should be made to reconcile the U. N. claim with that of any other state.

Britain's view was that the United Nations could claim only for direct loss or damage suffered by itself, including liability for compensation. There was not necessarily any conflict between possible claims by the U. N. and the state of which the victim is a national, Britain held. The United States held that the U. N. could recover reparations for its own direct pecuniary loss from the death or injury of one of its agents but had not power to bring an international claim for reparation due to damage to the victim.

TAXATION HITS MOUNTBATTENS

LONDON, March 10. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Taxation has hit Britain's famous Mountbatten family so hard that a Bill to free Lady Mounbatten from inheritance restrictions is to be introduced shortly in the House of Lords, it was announced today.

The object of the Bill is to give the wife of India's last Viceroy, "greater personal control" over her share of the £6,000,000 fortune left in 1921 by her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel.

A statement from her solicitors today said that because of the great increase in taxation, the net income of Lord and Lady Mountbatten has been "reduced to one-ninth of what it was following their marriage" 26 years ago.

U. N. Mediation For Manvadar & Mangrol?

KARACHI, March 9 (U.P.I.): Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister, Government of Pakistan, told Parliament today that Government were trying to secure through the mediation of the United Nations, the early release of the rulers of Mangrol and Manvadar States, who were at present under detention in India under the orders of the Government of that dominion.

He also revealed that suitable machinery had been set up to watch and report from time to time on the implementation of the various agreements with India.

EVATT DISCUSSES BURMA WITH BEVIN

LONDON, March 9. (P.T.I.-Reuter) Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, today met Mr. Beyin and was believed to have discussed the situation in Burma.

Dr. Evatt, who is in London on Legal business, was present at the recent New Delhi Commonwealth talks.

NO BRITISH INTERFERENCE IN BURMA'S AFFAIRS

LONDON, March 9. (P.T.I-Reuter): The British Foreign Office spokesman today denied that the British Ambassador in Rangoon was discussing with the Burmese Government ways of ending the civil war.

He was commenting on a report attributed to another Foreign Office spokesman yesterday that Mr. J. Bowker, British Ambassador in Rangoon, was having talks with the Burmese Government about the possibility of reconciliation with the rebel Karen tribes. Britain would never consider interfering in Burma's internal affairs, the Foreign Office said today.

RENOWNED U. S. CHEMIST TO TAKE CHARGE OF NATIONAL CHEMICAL LABORATORIES

"It Is Privilege To Assist In Their Great Project" Says Dr. J. W. McBain.

Dr. James W. McBain, professor of chemistry emeritus at Stanford University in California, recently accepted appointment under the Government of India as director of the National Chemical Laboratories in Poona. The appointment is for three years, beginning in October 1949.

Now on a preliminary one-month inspection trip here, McBain will return to Stanford before coming back to India with Mrs. McBain, who is also a chemist.

The invitation to McBain was extended by Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, director of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, with the authorization of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Laboratories will have broad functions not covered by either the Indian National Physical Laboratory or the National Metallurgical Laboratory.

"The Poona Laboratories' purpose is to bridge the gulf between the universities, the state, and other scientific institutions in the country on the one hand, ad industry on the other", McBain explains. "We will assist in their research problems as well as initiating fundamental research of our own."

The noted chemist has pointed out that India is engaged in an industrial revolution with the avowed purpose of raising the standard of living of its people.

"It is a privilege to be allowed to assist in this great project in any significant way," he said commenting on his appointment. He will have working with him seven assistant directors, 18 senior research officers and a total staff of 320 persons.

Born in Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada, on March 22, 1882, McBain received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto, Canada, in 1903, and his Master of Arts degree there a year later. He was a student at the University of Leipzig for two years, and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Heidelberg University in 1906. He also has two honorary Doctor of Science degrees, one from Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, and one from the University of Bristol, England.

One of the few husband-and-wife research teams in chemistry, the McBains first met when she was one of his exceptional students at the University of Bristol, where he taught physical chemistry from 1906 to 1926. He was Leverhulme Professor of physical chemistry the last seven years of that period. During World War I he served in the British Army.

Mrs. McBain was Mary Evelyn Laing. After her graduation from the University of Bristol and a period of teaching in English public schools, Bristol University offered her an assistantship in geology, physiology, chemistry, or botany. She liked chemistry best and took that.

In 1924 Miss Laing won the Ellen K. Richards Prize of 1,000 dollars. With the money she and a sister joined a group of British scientists who were touring Canada. McBain was in the group, and their romance and a joint chemical research progressed simultaneously.

Two years later, Miss Laing had earned her Doctor of Science Degree at Bristol and McBain had served for a year as visiting professor at the University of California. He returned to Europe, but not for long—Stanford University called him back in 1927 as professor of chemistry, and Miss Laing followed him in a short time to join the Stanford faculty as assistant professor of chemistry. They were married on January 1, 1929. Because university regulations prevented them from teaching in the same department, Mrs. McBain became a research associate in chemistry, a position she held until her husband became professor emeritus in the summer of 1947. Throughout the years Mrs. McBain has been what her husband calls "the test pilot."

"When he does an experiment in which there can be some doubt about the results," she explains, "I do a parallel experiment for confirmation".

McBain says his wife is extremely valuable in this because "she experiments without personal error....she gets the results that should be produced under a set of given conditions."

The McBains' ability to substitute for each other was graphically illustrated in 1934 when he was scheduled to deliver a lecture before a thousand of Britain's leading scientists, and was unable to be present when the day arrived. Unperturbed, Mrs. McBain stepped in and gave the lecture, which was received with resounding applause. Known as a world authority on soap, McBain's interest in this particular field began when he was a student at Heidelberg.

"I attended a seminar one day," he explains, "in which some extraordinarily conflicting statements were made about soap. It was apparent that not much was known about it. So I determined to learn all there was to be known about soap solutions—and I'm still at it."

McBain's soap research has contributed a vast amount of knowledge in the field of physical chemistry and at the same time has had wide practical application. "Through studies of soap", he says, "we have learnt a great deal about foam, a subject of vital importance to industry."

During World War II, Dr. and Mrs. McBain did much vital war work at Stanford. Their speciality was particularly important in certain aspects of synthetic rubber manufacture, in the problem of foaming of aircraft oils, and in the thickening of fuel for incendiary bombs and flame throwers. This was the second time McBain had engaged in such war work, during World War I, when he was serving with the British Army in France, the British Munitions Ministry had called him back to England to do research in poison gases and explosives.

SOUTH AFRICA GOES TO POLLS TO DECIDE POLICY OF 'APARTHEID'

JOHANNESBURG Mar. 9 (P T I-Reuter)—South African electors were going to the polls today to decide the fate of the Nationalist Government's policy of racial segregation. They were voting in provincial elections from which Prime Minister Daniel Malan and his colleagues have called for a mandate to carry out their plans for "apartheid"—segregation of Africans and non-Europeans. The Nationalists went into the fight confident of overwhelming victory. Their major opponents, the United Party led by 78-year-old ex-Premier General Smuts, were not so optimistic, but expected to regain some seats lost in the parliamentary elections last May, when Dr Malan's Nationalists attained power. The Afrikaner Party, allies with the Nationalists in the coalition Government, were not fighting today's elections. The only other party putting up candidates was the relatively unimportant Labour group.

For the first time in istory the Union Parliament, adjourned special sessions for the sake of provincial campaign. To carry out their "apartheid" policy—main plank of the platform on which they gained power last May—the Nationalists must amend the so-called 'entrenched clauses' governing non-European representation and voting rights. The constitution provides that these clauses may be changed only by a two-thirds majority of both houses of Parliament. But Dr. Malan's coalition has a net majority of only four over the combined United Party-Labour-African vote in the House of Assembly and in the Upper House they have an equal number of Senators with the opposition parties. Dr. Malan sought from the electors today the signal to "go ahead" with a plan to alter the entrenched clauses by a simple majority of both Houses.

The Government's legal advisers held that the Statute of Westminster of 1931 did away with the two-thirds majority obligation governing the entrenched clauses.

Standing aloof from today's election was Finance Minister Nicolas Havenga, leader of the Afrikaner Party, who demanded last year that the Nationalists should obtain a clear mandate from the country before pursuing the 'apartheid' policy.

Mr. Havenga quarrelled with the Nationalists over allocation of seats, for the provincial election and has advised his followers to abstain from voting.

At least provincial elections in 1943 the United Party gained an overwhelming victory in Transvaal, Cape Province, and Natal, only in the Orange Free State did the Nationalists retain a grip on their traditional stronghold.

ISRAELI TRANSJORDAN CLASH

LONDON, March 9. (U.P.A.): Transjordan reported today that Israeli forces were fighting their way across southern Palestine toward the Transjordan port of Akaba which is defended by a British Army force.

The report from Transjordan, relayed to the British Foreign Office by the British Minister there, said that the Israeli troops were "in some strength", and that Israeli and Transjordan troops had clashed at an undisclosed point in the Negev area which extends along the Transjordan frontier within a few miles of Akaba.

Gordon Walker For Pakistan

LONDON, March 9 (P.T.I-Reuter): Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Parliamentary Under—Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, today left London airport for Pakistan, where he will confer with the Government on Commonwealth problems. Later he will have similar talks with the Governments of India and Ceylon.

Stop Press

"NO ISRAEL TROOPS CROSSED TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER"

TEL AVIV, Mar. 9, (UPA): Israeli troops have not crossed the Transjordan frontier nor left Israeli territory, Lieut-Colonel Moshe Perlman Army spokesman, said tonight.

Perlman made no immediate statement on any activities of Israeli troops presently stationed in the Negev.

ARRESTS AT MADURA

MADURA, March 9, (API): Eight persons including railway employees, who alleged to have been engaged in inciting railway workers to go on strike, were taken into custody by the Madura police today.

The total number of persons arrested since Monday last in connection with threatened railway strike is eighteen.

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SMOOTH SAILING FOR INDUSTRIES MINISTER

Coal Commission To Take Charge Of Industry

PARLIAMENT PASSES ALL DEMANDS FOR GRANTS TOTALLING OVER 545 LAKHS

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9 (A.P.I.): THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY, DR. SHYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE, MOVING THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR HIS MINISTRY FOR 1949-50 IN PARLIAMENT TODAY REVIEWED THE TREND OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN INDIA DURING 1948.

He said that there were signs of improvement in industrial production in the country. On a percentage basis this increase would be about 12 to 16 per cent over 1947. While this should not give room for any self-complacency, he thought it could be claimed with confidence that the country had turned the corner. (cheers).

Dr. Mukherjee added: "If we are able to pursue a policy of progressive development, depending on the co-operation of industry, labour and all sections of the different communities, I feel confident that we will be able to tide over the very difficult situation that confronts us today."

Immediately Dr. Mukherjee referred to the industrial policy enunciated by Government last year and said that policy had kept the essential interests of the country as a whole before it.

He added: "We did not make any fetish about particular abstract theories or "isms", but we were anxious to place before the country a programme which was a balanced one, fair and equitable to all concerned.

Even though Industry was a Provincial subject, Government had felt that it was essential that there should be an all-India centrally regulated policy, at any rate in relation to the major industries of the country.

Answering the question as to what Government had done to implement the promises during the budget debate last year in regard to industrial development, Dr. Mukherjee stated two schemes, one for the establishment of a telephone factory and another for the establishment of a penicilin-sulpha drugs factory had been sanctioned.

FUTURE PLANS

Government had under active consideration plans for the manufacture of one or two factories for the manufacture of one million tons of steel. They had selected heavy electrical machinery, radio equipment, synthetic oil from coal, tractors and machine tools for primary consideration and it was hoped that in the course of this year they would be able to take preliminary decisions for the purpose of implementing them.

These schemes would be implemented in the course of next four or five years and would cost somewhere between rupees 200 and rupees 300 crores.

In addition to these, Government had two or three other big undertakings which they had already taken on and the first and foremost was the fertiliser manufacturing factory at Sindri, which when completed would be the biggest fertiliser factory in the whole of Asia, producing 350,000 tons of fertilizers. Three-fourths of the factory was completed and he hoped it would be able to go into full production somewhere early in 1950.

Government had decided to establish a cement factory also at Sindri, capable of producing 250,000 tons of cement per year. During the next two or three weeks, they expected to reach decisions for the purchase of plants and machinery for this factory.

The aircraft factory at Bangalore, Dr. Mookerjee said, deserved congratulations for its work during 1948. Apart from repairing and reconditioning aircraft, it has been in use not only for purposes in India but also abroad. A new designing section, completely managed by Indians had been started. During the last fortnight they had received an offer from a German expert holding an international position in the world and had already invited him to come over to Bangalore for a limited period. They were already working on a type of aircraft required mainly for the Defence Ministry and would be able to go into production in the next month or two. The work on two other designs also was expected to be completed in one year and a half.

As far as private enterprise was concerned, the Minister for Industry and Supply said the bulk of industrial activity was in the hands of private enterprise, and the Government had endeavoured last year to establish a much closer contact between the industrialists and the Government of India.

About 25 Development Committees, representing major industries were now considering their respective problems relating to the availability of raw material, capital goods and transport difficulties. The Government had tried to fix up targets of production and would see by the process of mutual help whether the target production could be reached.

A Cabinet Committee had also been set up under the chairmanship of the Finance Minister to discuss and evolve a common policy of economic development affecting various Ministers.

Speaking about the Industrial Finance Corporation, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee stated that though it functioned under the control of the Finance Minister, it was an autonomous organisation and during the short period of its existence, so far the Corporation had helped about twelve different industries in different parts of India. The total financial assistance which the Corporation had already sanctioned amounted to Rupees 2-1/4 crores.

The Industry Minister then dealt with the portion of cottage industries as well as small and medium sized industries. He said that an All-India Board which met ten weeks ago had formulated a programme of action which, if implemented in the Provinces and by the Centre, would solve the very difficult economic problem facing the country today.

He said: "If we want to tackle the unemployment problem, we can do so by the establishment of large industries in different parts of the country and by a regional planning of small and medium-sized industries in different parts.

JAP WAY WILL SOLVE IT

Dr. Mookerjee said that if India had proceeded on the lines that Japan had followed in the development of cottage industries, India would be able to solve one of the most difficult problems facing her.

TEXTILE OUTPUT

Dealing at length with control, Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee said: "I can definitely assert that so far as the textile industry is concerned there is no doubt that production has increased and there has been larger and better distribution of cloth in all provinces of India".

BIG COTTON SHORTAGE

Holding that the question of cotton supply to the textile industry was "a serious problem", the Industry and Supply Minister pointed out that as against the normal consumption of 45 lakh bales of cotton, India's production was 28 lakh bales. This year, he said, the Agriculture Minister expected an yield of not more than 32 lakh bales.

Ten lakh bales of cotton, which Pakistan used to send, had been reduced to six and a half lakhs. India had, therefore, to import cotton from Egypt and East Africa. He thought the year would close with a deficit of seven lakh bales of cotton, which would have to be taken out of the surplus stock. As regards the price of cotton he hoped that the Government would be able to arrive at a decision in the course of a few weeks.

DISPOSAL GOODS

Referring to Disposal Goods, the Minister for Industry said that goods worth Rs. 112 crores were already disposed of and goods with a book value of Rs. 140 crores remained to be disposed of. He hoped that in the course of 1949 they would be able to sell about 75 per cent of them.

So far as the purchase organisation was concerned, by the end of March, 1949, India would be purchasing stocks in foreign countries to the extent of nearly Rs. 125 crores apart from local purchases.

Dr. Mookerjee said that in the course of the next year "we will be able to March towards further progress which will redound to the credit of our motherland".

SERVICE V. PROFIT MOTIVE

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi suggested decentralisation of industries and the development of small-scale industries. Swaraj had no meaning to the villages unless cottage industries were developed. Mahatma Gandhi had stood for universal revolution in the outlook of human society and wanted to introduce human and moral values above material advantage. His economic plan was to arrange the economic structure of the country by developing cottage industries and "charka". He wanted to substitute "service motive" in place of "profit motive" and big industries to be split up into various units.

Sir H. P. Mody said that a clear pattern of industrial policy was now emerging and he found in the last few months the cry of nationalisation at any rate had been put in a proper perspective.

SAFE BET ON SIR HOMI

Sir Homi thought the Government should have a proper financial checking upon the formulation and establishment of industries, which the Government had undertaken. Those checks which the industrialists imposed upon their own industries were entirely absent when Government started industries. He was glad the Government was starting a cement plant in Sindhri and he hoped that both he and the minister would be comparing notes, who could produce more cement and cheaply.

Mr. B. Das: I can have a safe bet on you.

Sir Homi Mody: Yes, you have a safe bet. The Hon'ble friend (Minister) has a great deal to learn from us."

TIE UP LOOSE ENDS

Mr. Krishnamurthi Rao said the industrial policy was "fundamentally sound" and capable of helping to step up production but there were certain loose ends which required to be ties up. One of them was the failure to utilise the Hindustan Aircraft Factory to the extent to which it could be worked. During the war the factory worked three shifts with a total of 17,000 workers employed but today only one shift worked with a labour population of 3,500.

He complained that importers were trying to get over the protection given to the industry by importing parts.

Kazi Syed Karimuddin urged for a revision of the Government's price control policy in regard to cotton. There was a dearth of cotton and inspite of the shortage, growers in Berar were switching over to groundnuts, because cotton cultivation was not paying.

Mr. Prabhudayal Himmatsingh said that Government should have a planned policy for the encouragement of the various industries.

Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu urged that Government should pay serious attention to the development of salt, handloom and fisheries industries in Orissa.

Mr. Vasant Kumar Das and Mr. Jhunjhunwala said that steps should be taken to develop cottage and small-scale industries.

Mr. Das said that while Government had allotted a large amount for the development of big industries only Rs. 8 lakhs had been placed at the disposal of the Cottage Industries Board.

INCREASE COAL OUTPUT

Mr. R. L. Malaviya stressed the need for increasing the coal production of the country. Frequent strikes in coal mines had very much affected coal production.

He suggested that provision should be made to spend the major part of the contributions of the labourers to the "Labour Welfare Fund" for their social education.

Mr. C. Subramaniam commended the formation of a high-power development board consisting of men trained in business and management to deal with the industrial problem.

Pleading for the protection of the handloom industry, Mr. Subramaniam suggested that it should be given unrestricted scope for export.

PLEA FOR CO-ORDINATION

Mr. P. S. Deshmukh said that there were various schemes of development costing hundreds of crores, but he found there was neither proper co-ordination between various Ministries nor was there any intensity of effort or driving force behind the plans.

Mr. Deshmukh said if the agriculturists of Berar and Central Provinces were assured of fair price for cotton, there would be no need to import.

There was no relation between the textile prices and cotton prices.

MUKHERJEE'S REPLY

Referring to the suggestion for the protection of the handloom industry, Dr. Mukerjee in the course of his reply said that the Government had allowed free export upto the end of June 1949 of handloom cloth to all countries except Pakistan. With regard to Pakistan a quota of 50 million yards was fixed provided it came out of the total quota of cloth allotted to Pakistan. Since then, he had received representations from various handloom interests in the country that on account of this restriction it was not possible to export handloom cloth to Pakistan. The Government had, therefore, decided that fifty million yards of handloom cloth would be allowed to be exported to Pakistan over and above the quota fixed for mill made cloth. He however uttered a note of warning that the industry must evolve a scheme whereby more handloom cloth that could be used in India itself would be produced. So far as Khadi was concerned, a representative of producers of Khadi was included in the Textile Advisory Board. He had been asked to submit a scheme for the popularisation and development of Khadi as an experimental measure.

COTTON LICENSING ORDERS

In regard to cotton, Dr. Mookherjee announced that with the approval of the provinces, the Government proposed to bring before the next session of the Constituent Assembly a provision for amending the constitution and making cotton a centrally reserved commodity. Meanwhile, they had suggested to the provinces that they should pass cotton licensing orders of a uniform model. It was a difficult process to make the provincial and state governments agree to this. Acutally two of the State governments could be persuaded to agree only after the states ministry intervened.

Dr. Mukherjee stated that he agreed with the suggestion that before the next cotton sowing season commenced, the Central Government must formulate their policy. He would call representatives of provincial Governments, merchants and cultivators for discussions and see that they fixed reasonable prices for cotton, which would be paid to the cultivators and would not be unfair to the consumers in the country.

COAL COMMISSION

Dr. Mukherjee announced that Government would soon implement the recommendations of the Coal Fields Committee and appoint a National Coal Commission which would be able to take charge of the industry. For this purpose, legislation would be necessary and Government hoped to bring forward a comprehensive bill at the next session of the Assembly, which would regulate and control the production and distribution of coal in the entire country.

SALT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Mukherjee announced that he was soon going to appoint a Salt Advisory Committee.

The House passed the demands for grants under the head "Industries" and adjourned till tomorrow.

EGYPTIAN PRESS DELEGATION AT JAMIA

The Egyptian Press Delegation now in India visited the Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi on March 7. Here they are seen in the Teachers' Training Institute attached to the Jamia Milia Islamia, studying the cottage industry products made by the trainees. At extreme right is Prof. Mohammad Mujib, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

MADRAS' SHARE OF CENTRAL DUTIES

MADRAS, March 9. (API) The Finance Minister, Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, said at question time in the Legislative Council today that the Government of India had contributed Rs. 1,708.02 lakhs to the Province under "Customs", "Central Excise duties", Income-Tax and other revenue heads for the period April-October, 1948.

The Minister also furnished the information about the contributions made by the Centre to other Provinces for the same period as follows:—

Bombay Rs. 7,427.78 lakhs. West Bengal Rs. 5,725.23 lakhs, United Provinces Rs. 721.92 lakhs. Central Provinces and Berar Rs. 133.65 lakhs. Bihar Rs. 265.93 lakhs. Assam Rs. 510.36 lakhs. Orissa Rs. 17.25 lakhs and East Punjab Rs. 232.5 lakhs.

TOBACCO DUTY SHARE

Earlier the Finance Minister said that in respect of tobacco duty, Madras had entered into an agreement with the Centre during the war period according to which Rs. 23 lakhs would be payable to Madras as a compensation for withdrawing the Provincial Sales Tax on tobacco. The Government of India were getting Rs. 4 crores from the Tobacco Duty in this Province.

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH PREMIERS

There Was No Question Of Any Commitment, Says Nehru

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Replying to Mr. H. V. Kamath, the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, said that the discussions at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference were confidential. Information in regard to various matters was supplied by the representatives of the United Kingdom Government. There was no question of any commitment.

Mr. Kamath: Has the Prime Minister seen the statement made by Sir Stafford Cripps that the Commonwealth countries, including India, had pledged support in the matter of defence."

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Pandit Nehru: I should be very much surprised if Sir Stafford Cripps had made that statement.

Sir Homi Modi: Was not a communique issued at the end of the conference on what had transpired in order to obviate independent statements on the part of those who took part in the conference?

Pandit Nehru: In the course of the conference, a brief communique was issued daily and at the end of the conference another communique was issued. There is no question of any commitment. The conference was meant for an informal discussion of the situations in the various countries. With regard to many matters there was a community of outlook and in regard to others a different outlook was noticeable.

TRANSFER OF SHARES OF RESERVE BANK

Matthai's Reply To Short Notice Question In Parliament

NEW DELHI, March 9 (API).—In Parliament today, Dr. John Matthai, Minister for Finance answered a short notice question relating to transfers of Reserve Bank shares.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed asked:

(A) Whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India after it was nationalised, issued a general notice that its Share Register would be closed on November 30, 1948, and that all applications for transfer of its shares must be made on or before that date;

(B) Whether it is a fact that a large number of 'bona fide' transferees of shares of the Bank, holding them under blank transfers, did not get any notice and applied for registeration after the said date;

(C) Whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India is refusing to recognise these transfers and is paying compensation to registered shareholders in spite of these transfers?

The Finance Minister replied:

(A) The Government of India issued a Press Note as early as the 19th October 1948 that the Reserve Bank would close the Share Registers from December 1, 1948.

(B) The Bank cannot obviously have knowledge of the transferes until and unless he has lodged a duly completed transfer deed with the bank. The question of notice in such cases does not, therefore, arise. The notice of closure, which was published in both English and Indian language newspapers by all offices of the Reserve Bank, was however, given sufficiently early to enable any person, who had acquired shares and had not registered them in his own favour to correct his position.

(C) The Reserve Bank have necessarily to act within the provisions of the Reserve Bank (Transfer to Public Ownership Act), 1948, and the rules framed thereunder, in terms of which compensation may be paid only to a person who was registered as a shareholder of the Reserve Bank on December 31, 1948, or his legal representative. The register-holder does not, however, get payment unless he can produce the share certificate so that if he had sold the shares and cannot produce the share certificate, he cannot obtain compensation. In cases of genuine inconvenience, the Reserve Bank try to assist the transferee to obtain compensation though some delay is inevitable. In some such cases which were brought to the notice of the Reserve Bank, Government understand that on the initiative of the Bank, the transferers and transferees were brought together and compensation was paid to the proper parties by mutual arrangement.

Nehru Denies Commitment

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Mr. Kamath:—Has the Prime Minister's attention been drawn to the statement made in the House of Commons the other day by the Defence Minister Mr. A. V. Alexander to the effect that the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London last December afforded an opportunity for a discussion of the present arrangements for consultation between the countries of the Commonwealth on defence matters?

Pandit Nehru: I have not seen that statement but it is perfectly a true statement nevertheless; that is to say that consultations took place, statements were made about the position and we listened to them.

Mr. Kamath: Has the Prime Minister's attention also been drawn to a statement made by Sir Stafford Cripps in December last that soon after the Conference was over the Commonwealth countries, including India, pledged their full co-operation to the United Kingdom in their plan, economic and otherwise?

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INDIAN RESIDENTS' RIGHTS IN CEYLON

The Government of India were not satisfied with the steps taken by the Ceylon Government regarding rights of citizenship for Indian residents there, Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Foreign Minister, told Pandit Mukut Beharilal Bhargava.

The Government of India, however, did not think that any further action on their part would serve any useful purpose at present. Mr. Manmohan Das asked: Is the Government adopting any reciprocal measures or propose to do so."

Dr. Keskar: "No, Sir".

SIKKIM AND BHUTAN

The future relationship of Sikkim and Bhutan with India was under consideration of the Government, the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said:

Replying to a number of questions put by Mr. Ari Bahadur Gurung, the Prime Minister disclosed that one of the political parties in Sikkim, the Rajya Praja Sammelan, had sent to the Government a resolution passed by it urging the merger of Sikkim with India.

Sikkim and Bhutan still had the same relations with the Government of India as they used to have before August 15, 1947.

NEW TREATY LIKELY

It was true that various claims had been made by Bhutan for certain parts of Indian territory. The Government of India had considered these claims. They were considering having a fresh treaty with Bhutan and would be agreeable to consider handing over to Bhutan a very small area—about 45 square miles—which they wanted for sentimental reasons.

It was a fact that a certain number of persons were arrested in Sikkim because they had expressed pro-merger views. These persons had since been released.

INDIA'S HELP TO INDONESIA

Further action on India's part in rendering aid to Indonesia would depend upon the course of the discussions in the Security Council, shortly to take place, the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru told Mr. H. V. Kamath.

It was a fact, he said, that to a certain extent the decisions of the Security Council fell short of the recommendations of the Conference on Indonesia held at Delhi.

Mr. H. V. Kamath: Did Government propose to make any 'de marche' on the subject at the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations?—

Prime Minister: We shall consider what steps we shall take at the time of the next session of the U.N.O.

Moulana Hazrat Mohani: "Is our help merely formal or is it substantial."

Pandit Nehru: "Our assistance has already proved to be not merely substantial but very importa ."

NO RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL YET

The Government of India was following the situation in Palestine and keeping in touch with the latest developments said the Prime Minister, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru replying to Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha who asked whether India was going to recognise the State of Israel.

The Government of India would, the Prime Minister added, take appropriate decisions as soon as they considered the time was ripe for it.

Mr. Hanumathiah: What is the reason for not recognising Israel?

The Prime Minister: Because the time is not ripe for considering the questions in that way.

NO SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN PETROL

Unless big oil fields were discovered there was no likelihood of India becoming self-sufficient in petroleum, the Minister for Works, Mines and Power, Mr. N. V. Gadgil told Pandit Mukut Beharilal Bhargava in Parliament today.

The geological survey of India would this year undertake surveys in Assam, East Punjab, Cutch and Kathiawar for petrol, he added.

India was getting her supplies of petrol from Iran, Bahrein, East Indies, U.S.A. and Saudi Arabia.

Nehru's Statement Causes No Surprise

LONDON, March 9 (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's reiteration of India's intention to become an Independent Republic during his speech yesterday was noted here but caused no surprise.

It was regarded as consistent with previous policy utterances and with Pandit Nehru's explanations of India's position during his visit to London for the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference last October.

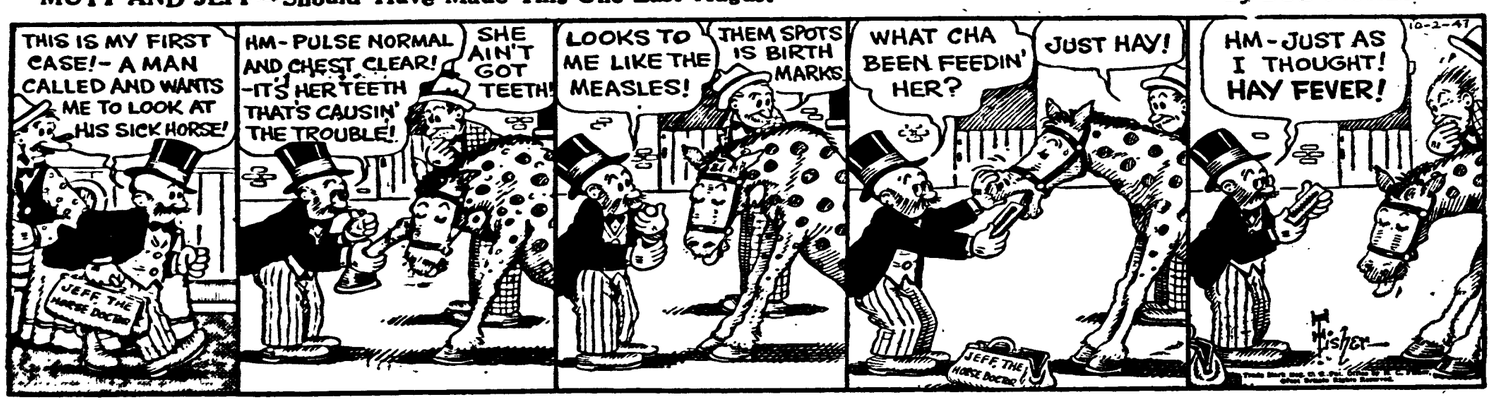
Pandit Nehru then emphasised that India's decision on her national status must be regarded as a separate issue from that of any future voluntary co-operation with the Commonwealth.

Commissions For Released Officers In Army

NEW DELHI, March 9. Released officers of the Army are eligible to apply for the grant of (1) permanent regular commission if they were not more than 36 years of age on the date of original grant of an emergency commission, and (2) short-service regular commission for 5 years if they are not more than 35 years on the date of application, for 3 years if they are not over 42, and for one year if they are not more than 44.

The relevant Army Instructions relating to the grant of such commissions may be seen at the nearest military formation or unit headquarters or Recruiting Office, and other necessary particulars and prescribed application forms may be obtained from the Adjutant-General's Branch, Army Headquarters, New Delhi.

MUTT AND JEFF—Should Have Made This One Last August — By BUD FISHER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